

To dissemble: 'To hide under a false appearance; to disguise; to conceal; to play the hypocrite.' Willetts pays the price

New blow for Major as key player quits

Main points

OHN Major's disaster-prone gov-ernment last night suffered another severe blow when high

David Hencke Westminster Corr

flying minister David Willetts unexpectedly quit his Cabinet Office job after a damning report accused him of effectively lying to a Parliamentary inquiry over his role in the "cash for questions" scandal.

Mr Willetts, who quit as Paymaster-General, is the third ministerial casualty of the affair, revealed in the Guardian two years ago. Tim Smith, Northern Ireland minister, and Neil Hamilton, Trade and Industry minister, both resigned after they were accused of accepting money to ask parliamentary ques-tions. Mr Willetts's resigna-tion comes only five days after Mr Major's stricken Government lost its majority in the Commons. His woes will deepen tonight with Labour's expected victory at the Barnsley East by election. Willetts, Paymaster General for only five months, de-cided to go after a powerful

CONCLUSIONS of Commit tee on Standards and Privi-I Mr Willetts's original note of his conversation with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith was broadly accurate. I Mr Willetts did not see out Sir Geoffrey, but he did attempt to influence him.

□ Sir Geoffrey should not have participated in such a discus ssion. 🗆 Mr Willetts should not

have discussed the work of the Members' Interests with its Committee chairman. The conversation went "beyond what should prop-

erly have taken place'. Much of Mr Willetts's-memorandum and oral evidence to the committee could not be accepted "as being accurate".

I Mr Willetts did "dis-semble"in his account to the committee. His response "substantially aggravated the original offence". Any fature investigation into matters of privilege will as normal practice take evidence on oath.



Deserving not a shred of sympathy

Commentary

Hugo Young AVID Willetts is a luck-less victim, but one who deserves not a shred of deserves not a shred of sympathy. His crime was to do what other people do, en-gage in the subterranean tra-decraft of political manage-ment. Unfortunately he was found out. But, being found out, he became the inescap-able emblem of a period in politics when the voters are increasingly doubtful whether tradecraft and integ-rity can coexist. His deparrity can coexist. His depar-ture is a minimum necessity if the reputation of politics ----I say nothing of the Govern-

ment — is to be revived. Some may catch here the stink of hypocrisy. If every-one in politics is, to some ex-tent, a fixer, why should Mr Willetts's attempt at fixing be indicted as anything worse than the amateurish effort of a callow practitioner? Why dump on this clever fellow, a long-term asset to the cerebral side of politics, when

would be proper for politi-cians, in their own little club.

many more unscruppious opleague's nemesis erators burrow in the under-By going now, before being forced to, Mr Willetts does growth? But that's an argument which concedes there something to restore the are almost no limits to what it House of Commons. The reno-

Everyone in Tory politics was talking about the prob-lem Mr Hamilton presented. In the freemasonry of the Commons - where every bonourable man makes his own rules of bonour - behind-the-hand conversation, "without prejudice" as the lawyers say, is a lingua franca that need not compromise any participant. It would have been interesting, had Mr Willetts taken this line, to see how his fellow op-erators, sitting in judgment

than the whip had

concerned.

on him, would have responded. They would have been hard-put to disagree. Certainly he would have sounded better than he did in the event. He would have saved himself the tortuous wordplay which anyone less clever would have found too embarrassing to perpetrate, and which sought to pretend that the words he wrote down did not mean what anyone but this brilliant lackass knew they meant. It was such patent duplicity that sent Quentin Davies over the top and persuaded him not to flinch from the role of his col

vated self-policing system couldn't have survived a

show of stubbornness. Tony

Newton's skilful chairman-ship, which produced a unan-

him of "dissembling" — mis-leading MPs and giving un-trustworthy evidence on his role as a junior whip when the cash for questions scandal was exposed by the Guardian two years ago. The damning conclusions

of the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee said: "We cannot accept much of the memorandum submitted by Mr Willetts, nor much of his oral evidence, as being accurate." It went on: "We are very concerned that any member should dissemble in his account to the committee and believe that this response by Mr Willetts has substantially aggravated the original offence

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plaints about the conduct of members, it will be our normal practice to take evidence on oath.'

Mr Willetts insisted that he had told the truth. "I am sorry my integrity has been called into question, espe-cially as throughout the committee hearing I told the truth and I stand by my evidence to the committee," he wrote in his resignation letter to John Major. Mr Major, who is reported to have tried to persuade Mr Willetts, a key elec tion strategist, to change his mind, responded by suggest-ing that he might believe his minister rather than the powerful all party committee, chaired by his cabinet col-league, Tony Newton. In his letter to Mr Willetts, he praised the "dignified way

you have conducted your self". He added: "I look for-ward to working with you to bring about another victory at the General Election." John Prescott, deputy

Labour leader, said he hoped that Mr Willetts would con-sider resigning his Parlia-mentary seat as well.

"This is another example of a minister whose word can-not be trusted and who, when he had been found out, did everything he could to avoid esigning.

The committee's findings follow a two-month inquiry into Mr Willetts's behaviour chief whip, during the libel action brought against the paper by Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer. The case collapsed. two years ago as a junior whip after the Guardian revealed that ministers Neil



Mr Willetts outside his London home last night after proferring his resignation to John Major PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

Hamilton and Tim Smith had Mr Willetts is said to have received cash from Mohamed Al Fayed, the Harrods owner, floated with the committee chairman, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, the possibility of "exploiting the good Tory mafor asking parliamentary questions in a campaign or-chestrated by lobbyist Ian Greer. The memo by Mr Wil-letts was written in October jority" on the committee to ensure the issue was dealt with as quickly as possible 1994, on the day the story ap-During the hearing, both he and Sir Geoffrey unconvinc-ingly tried to explain away peared. Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, then chairman of the the memo as not an attempt to influence the proceedings now defunct Commons Members' Interests Committee, was starting an investigation But Mr Willetts's explanation was torn apart by Quentin Davies, MP for Stamford. Mr Davies last night said: "Truth into a complaint by Alex Carlile, Liberal Democrat MP for Montgomery, against Mr Hamilton for accepting cash and justice has been done." Mr Major last night pro-moted Michael Bates, another and shopping vouchers and not declaring his stay at Mr Al Fayed's Ritz Hotel, Paris. The memo only came to

junior whip to replace Mr Willetts as Paymaster Gen-eral. Mr Bates, 35, MP for light after the Guardian had subpoenaed documents from Richard Ryder, the former Langbaurgh, was a Govern ment whip.

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'I am sorry my integrity has been called into question, especially as throughout the committee hearing I told the truth.'

David Willetts, former Paymaster General

'We are very concerned that any Member should dissemble in his account to the committee and believe that this response by Mr Willetts has substantially aggravated the original offence.' Report of the Standards and Privileges Committee, December 11, 1996

done better, all the same, to try and use it. He could have imous report, had to be predisaid that whips are the natu-ral confidants of a committee cated on the expectation that the committee's stringent criticism, stopping short of a divisive expulsion order, chairman who faces the uncomfortable prospect of inves-tigating an affair so explosive would be enough to get the as the conduct of Neil Hamilaccused to do the proper ton. The managerial question, the subject of his fateful talk MPs, we learn, can collabo-with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, obviously presented it-dards that go beyond the self. The chairman no less | turn to page 2, column 3



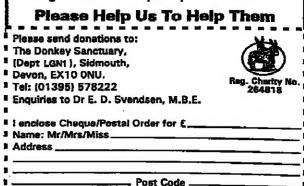
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Willie Rushton, satirist, radio wit and cartoonist, dies at 59

Alison Daniels

ACAREER that spanned an Aarray of artistic disci-plines turned Willie Rushton, who died yesterday at 59, into a giant of comedy and satire. His death in London's Cromwell Hospital followed a brief illness and a heart

He was a writer, cartoonist and actor, well known as a panellist on the long-running

Mr Rushton began his career as a satirical cartoonist and co-founded Private Eye in 1961 with friends Paul Foot, Richard Ingrams and Christopher Booker. He continued to contribute to the series, That Was the Week That Was, hosted by Sir David Frost. Sir David said magazine until last week and was described by the maga-zine's editor. Ian Hislop, as a vesterday that as each year

BBC Radio 4 gameshow, I'm | enduring images of their | or British life without him." Sorry I Haven't a Clue. | time. "Willie was immensely | In 1975 he joined the panel Mr Rushton began his jolly. very robust and inven-of I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue In 1976 he joined the panel of I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue ive. His death is a big blow." and contributed to 27 series. During the 1960s he took to He kept his hand in stage tive. His death is a big blow." the stage before becoming a household name on the satirical BBC television revue

work, most recently with performances at the Edinburgh Festival and a tour of Britain with fellow comic Barry Cryer. Tim Brooke-Taylor, who became friends with Mr Rushton during an American tour of That Was the Week That Was and worked with passed, Mr Rushton got wit-tier and funnier. "I can't imagine the Lord's Taverners | him on I'm Sorry I Haven't a | Obluary, page 10

Clue said he was one of life's few original talents. "He had a sort of prickly

exterior but once you knew him you would discover what a kind man he was." James Moore, head of BBC Radio light entertainment described him as a "king of comedy"." Mr Rushton is sur-vived by his wife, actress Arlene Dorgan who he married in 1968, and their son Toby.

Rushton: 'immensely jolly'

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How Minister's dissembling turned

but take no further

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THE REPORT/Ex-Paymaster General's evidence 'seriously aggravated original offence'

lan Greer issue writs for libel. David

Willetts, then a Tory whip, writes

controversial memo.



E former Paymas ter General, David Willetts, "dis-sembled" under extent that much of his evidence could not be regarded as accurate, the Committee on Standards and Privileges oncluded yesterday.

As a junior whip, the Con-servative MP for Havant at-tempted to influence the Commons investigation into cashfor-questions allegations, the committee added. He should not have discussed the affair in October 1994 with the mem-bers' interests committee chairman, Sir Geoffrey John-son Smith son Smith. terests in 1994

In its concise nine-page, 39-paragraph report released yes-

Intellectual not forgiven for flexible principles

THE EX-MINISTER/ Friends are hard to find, writes Ewen MacAskill

terday, the Standards and Privileges Committee unani-Privileges Committee unani-monsly criticised both Mr Wil-letts and Sir Geoffrey. But the harshest words were reserved for the MP who, until his res-

ignation yesterday, was con-sidered a high flyer. Mr Wil-letts's evidence to the committee had, the MPs said, "substantially aggravated the ericipal offence" original offence". The committee's inquiry began on October 16 when it was asked to investigate the "alleged improper pressure brought to bear on the Select Committee on Members' In-

It followed publication

Mr Willetts's memorandum of committee investigation was the issue which was the main ests. They claimed it had what was said. It had been a October 1994 to the which charged with reviewing the topic of conversation in the cleared Nell Hamilton but ac casual conversation rather charged with reviewing the October 1994 to the whips relationship between Tory MP Neil Hamilton and West-minister lobbyist Ian Greer. office and claims that there had been a Conservative at-tempt to stifle the Commons

'His conversation went beyond what should properly have taken place'

The day after that inquiry was established, Mr Willetis met its chairman Sir Geoffrey inquiry into the cash-forquestions affair exposed by The Guardian that year. The members' interests

topic of conversation in the Commons that day, October

Later that night Mr Wil-letts, then a junior whip, recorded his comments on their exchange in the whips office notebook. Intelli office notebook. Intelligence distilled from the notebooks provides an important guide to ministers on day-to-day opinion in the party. In his note, revealed after Mr Hamilton abandoned his

libel action against The Guardian, Mr Willetts wrote that Sir Geoffrey: "Said No 10 had got in a muddle about Committe on Members' Interthan a discussion. But he insisted that he had

not been seeking advice on how to investigate the Hamil-ton affair. "Without being at all conceited about it. or pompous, you do not need ad-vice on a point like this," told the Standards and Privileges' Committee. "I was quite clear in my own mind, with my experience, where duty lay.

On the question of what ex-actly had been said, he com-mented: 'words like 'exploiting a good Tory majority' are not in my vocabulary". The committee did not usually

Clear victory for self-regulation

REFORMS/A crucial test passed, reports **David Hencke**

The composition of the committee is key to the suc-cess of the process. It is chaired by Tony Newton, a Cabinet minister and Leader of the House. Its members include prominent Tory loyal-ists like Dame Jill Knight, a

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tually this was only on a com-plaint about remarks of his; not on the new allegations. "He [Sir Geoffrey] is now expecting to receive a formal complaint about Mr Hamilton receiving money etc. He could (1) argue subjudice and get committee to set it aside, or (2) investigate it as quickly as possible, exploiting good Tory majority at present. We were inclined to go for (1) but he wants our advice." In his evidence, Sir Geof-frey, the Conservative MP for Weakden, said that he did not have a detailed recollection of "He [Sir Geoffrey] is now

yesterday the Paymaster General, has a repu-tation in the Conservative Party as an intellectual. But, as a colleague said yesterday, it is not hard to gain a reputa-tion as an intellectual in the

Tory party. The colleague was especially disparaging about the ease with which Mr Willetts had switched loyalty from Lady Thatcher to John Major: this

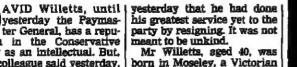
was not the action of a real thinker, someone with consistent, well thought out principles. "He is a weathervane for the dominant view in the party: in 1938 he would have been fully behind Chamber-lain over Munich and in 1940 he would have been backing the Churchill government."

This harsh judgment reflects the feeling of many in the party. His writing, Modern Conservatism and attack on what he saw as Tony Blair's gurus were interesting rather than influential, not enough to forgive the un-seemly speed with which he had switched sides. In spite of this, he would

have continued to rise in the party. He was undone by what must have seemed a small, almost routine, incident - his conversation on October 20 1994 with the Tory chairman of the Commons committee on members' interests, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, about the Neil Hamilton affair. Even then he could have got away with it. His mistake was writing it down. The feeling at Westminster

yesterday was that Mr Wil-letts is more decent than many; that his action came from naivety more than any-thing else. But the inquiry judged that he had gone be-yond what was proper and his dissembling in giving evi-dence had aggravated the dence had aggravated the original offence

Another Tory said of him



born in Moseley, a Victorian suburb of Birmingham: his father was an engineer and his mother a teacher. He went to a grammar school and on to Oxford, where he got a first in politics, philosophy and economics.

He joined the Civil Service, working at the Treasury for Nigel Lawson. From there, he moved into the Downing Street policy unit, Lady Thatcher's think-tank. That was theoretically part of the Civil Service, but his next move was not, into the Centre for Policy Studies. He entered Parilament at the last election as MP for Havant, and was given his first step up the ladder as whip, the job that brought his downfall.

He was a loner. Tory Cen-tral Office, when asked yes-terday for a list of Mr Wil-Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith and the memorandum recording David Willetts's conversation with him letts's friends, responded with enthusiasm and then could not think of any. And yet, in spite of his permanent air of seriousness, those who know him say he is good company. What annoyed the committee conducting the inquiry as much as anything was his at-tempt to redefine "want" in an ings went well beyond that much of his evidence, it decided, could not be accepted as accurate. It is a damning indictment for an MP to carry

through his career. In spite of it, he is likely to find his way back. The judg-ment of the committee will be a black mark barring him from the top, but he is still capable of a middle-ranking poor the barrier fate may be post. A harsher fate may be meted out to Quentin Davies, the Tory on the committe whose interrogation finished him off. Conservative MPs will be less forgiving of him.

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Deserving not a shred of sympathy continued from page 1 partisan. The public will be glad to hear it. The episode also does a litinto the frame. The renais-sance of Parliament and poli-

the to support Mr Major's con-stant claim that our politics are, in fact, clean. Of all that's often said about his time in tics in the public estimation has some way to go. This may not be Le Carré's Panama, or office, the notion that he has presided over a period of un-equalled political squalor is the one he most resents. He even Craxi's Italy, and the civil service culture still does sustain a public life that is, the one he most resents, he bitterly deplored every in-sinuation about our system that grew out of the Scott in-quiry into arms for Iraq. No-where in the world is straighter, he insists. And if one county the sumper of nol But politics, especially Tory politics, are another matter.

not outside the bounds of Hamilton still proposes to the residence, should be a pri-possibility. possibility. But other paymasters come the Conservative interest, and may well be assisted in doing so by the singgardly processes of the same com-

mittee that yesterday congrat-ulated itself for putting the squeeze on Mr Willetts. These are shocking deformities of the body politic, to confor the most part, uncorrupt. But politics, especially Tory tion Mr Willetts has been politics, are another matter. obliged to give it. Behind them tim Smith, who took money stands the unresolved scandal quiry into arms for Iraq. No-where in the world is straighter, he insists. And if one counts the number of pol-iticians caught with their hands in the public till, that's

on which there's not a single sceptic to be found. Late though he was to dis-cover his integrity, Mr Wil-letts has a basis from which to retrieve it, and with it his

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career, which he will probably do. In the grand calamity that is about to devastate his party, the brief misjudgment of the young MP with an ironclad majority in Havant will count for little. But until the party sees the point about its funds, the message in matchless integrity Mr Heseltine drew from the Willetts affair yesterday will deserve all the cynicism it gets.

member of the 1932 commit PARLIAMENT yesterday passed its first crucial test in putting its house in order since accepting the broad thrust of the reforms proposed by Lord Nolan, the life peer appointed by John Major to raise standards in mublic life public life. (i) arque now subjudiue get Ommittee to subjación or (ii) investigate it as quichly as possible, explositing good try majority at purab The Standards and Privi-

leges Committee is a creation of Lord Nolan's reforms intro-duced after the "cash for questions" scandal was ex-posed by the Guardian. The committee is a merger of the Members' Interests Committee, which was res-possible for registering MPs' consultancies and directorships, and the Privileges Committee, which handled breaches of parliamentary discipline. Unlike the two old commit-

tees, it holds public hearings to question MPs and witnesses and has all the powers of the Privileges Committee to recommend expulsion or suspension of members caught breaking the rules. Last night the system was

seen to have worked well for two key reasons — the fart that the committee came to a unanimous condemnation and Mr Willetts' decision to

tender his resignation the minute its findings became public. Lord Nolan's insistence that MPs should be seen to act publicly - by allowing the media to report the questioning of witnesses — also played a big part.

honourable.

The committee's decision to bring in the press and TV to cover the hearings created a precedent. All previous hear-ings had been behind closed doors. It has also drawn a les-son from its first case. Its final recommendation is that MPs and witnesses should be asked to give evidence on oath. Thanks to Mr Willetts' evidence, MPs will no longer automatically be regarded as

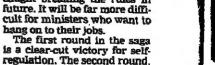
tee, former ministers Sir Archie Hamilton and Sir David Mitchell, rebels such as Quentin Davies, the MP for Stamford, and independent minded members such as lain Duncan Smith, MP for Chingford. On the Labour side it in-cludes Ann Taylor, the shadow leader of the house,

strong minded individualists such as Dale Campbell Savours, MP for Workington, and old hands like Ernie Ross, MP for Dundee, West.

The fact that they unanimously found that Mr Willetts had dissembled the committee means a member of the Government and Tory loyalists have signed a report alongside Labour and Liberal Democrat members saying

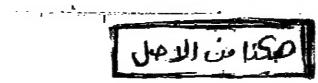
benocrat memoers saying they do not believe him. These findings are above party politics which bedev-illed the old system — when a government whip. Andrew Mitchell, sat on the Members' Interests Committee, and MPs were so divided that Labour walked out rather than sign a report on the former minister Neil Hamilton's undeclared stay at the Ritz Hotel, Paris, in the original "cash for ques-

tions" inquiry in 1994. The second boost to the system came from Mr Willetts. Even though he contests the findings, he decided, apparently against John Ma-jor's advice, to resign his post. By doing this when the committee had not proposed any penalty, he sets a precedent. In this sense it is a victory for Parliament over the executive and sets standards for people caught breaking the rules in future. It will be far more diffi-



is a clear-cut victory for selfregulation. The second round, involving all the participants in the "cash for questions" affair, will, however, be a stiffer test of Parliament's resolve.

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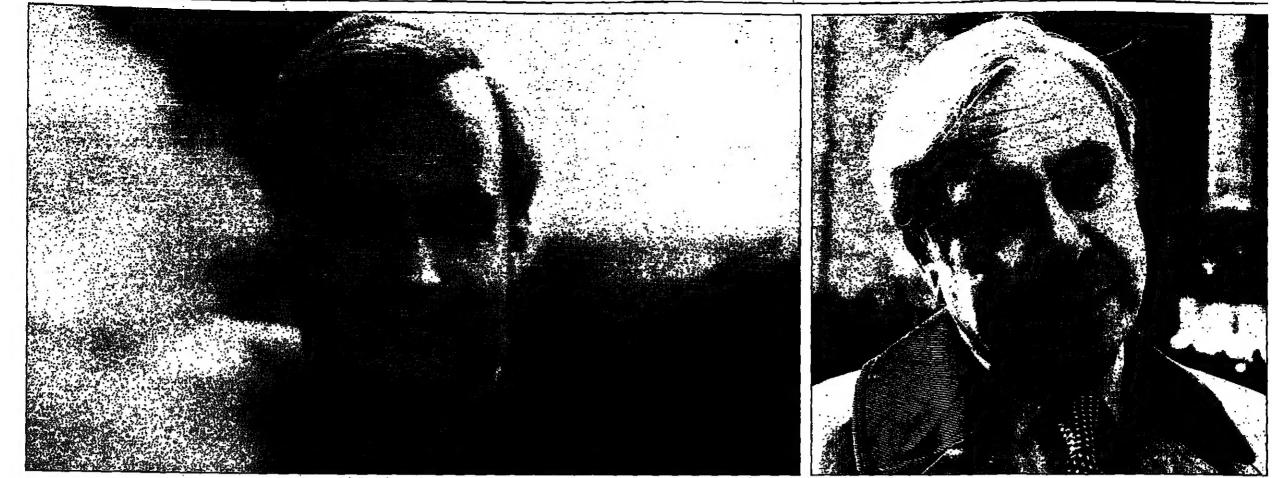






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vote on party lines, he in-sisted. Sir Geoffrey thought the interpretation put upon their meeting by the former unior whip was "astonishing". Mr Willetts's account was junior was

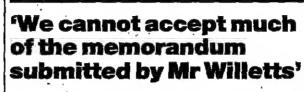
given to the committee initially through a written mem-orandum, then during two public televised sessions of intensive cross-examination. He recalled meeting Sir Geoffrey by chance late in the afternoon. It was a brief exchange.

Later he "jotted down an informal note" as whips rou-tinely do. If his note mistaktion or thereafter."

discussion, Mr Willetts con-ceded, that was because he was freshly appointed to the tin Davies, the Conservative MP for Stamford and Spal-ding, Mr Willetts admitted Whips' office and more accus-tomed to drafting formal polthat in his first week as a whip he may have wished to impress colleagues by dramaicy documents. As for the phrase "exploit-ing a good Tory majority", he tising the conversation. Asked to explain the words "he wants our advice", Mr Willetts said he meant that denied this was a reference to "using a Tory majority to secure a particular outcome to "he is in want of advice, he an enquiry". "I did not at-tempt in any manner, nor at needs advice". Commenting on the evi any time, to pressurise the committee ... I do not believe anything improper was said dence, the Standards and **Privileges Committee said Sin** Geoffrey claimed not to recall

or done during the conversaenly implied it was a detailed | ing, particularly from Quen- | a good Tory majority".

As to Mr Willetts's role, the committee's report observes: whip, Mr Willetts had evi-"The story which appeared in dentiy "felt it necessary to the Guardian on October 20 1994 was not only damaging apply his experience as a pol-icy adviser to present options



or done during the conversa-tion or thereafter." It was definite in his denial that Under fierce cross-question he had referred to "exploiting" for and therefore a lem and suggest how it might matter of concern to the gov- be solved"

Sir Geoffrey, on the other hand, should not have partici-pated in such a discussion. It The brief but robust conclusions reached by the Stan-dards and Privileges' Com-mittee were contained in the "exceeded the bounds of final paragraphs of their report. Mr Willetts's original note in the whips' book was a propriety". Mr Willetts ought not to have discussed the work of the members' interests combroadly accurate account of mittee with its chairman. "We regard the conversation the conversation", the MPs stated.

as having gone beyond what should properly have taken There was no evidence that he had actively sought out Sir Geoffrey Johnson with the inplace." tention of influencing his con-The system of self-regula tion which Parliament has es duct of the members' interests committee. But, as the tablished cannot function if note suggested, Mr Willetts "took the opportunity to do so" during the course of their members are not frank and open about mistakes that they may have made in the past,

exchange. the report notes, before reach-

ing its damping final conclusions.

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offence Any future investigation of natters of privilege or of complaints about conducts, the report warns, should take evidence in normal practice under oath.

Tea and sympathy for 'a nice man' Man of honour bucks **THE CONSTITUENCY**/News spoils party, writes Luke Harding

trend for holding on

HRRE was an air of ("Two brains and no com-impending doom yes," mon sense," he said.) terday afternoon as "I think he was a bit the ladies of Havant naive. It was his first cou-

RESIGNATIONS/ Alan Travis on when there were four scana rare example of going with grace within the month after his Back to Basics speech.

Environment minister Tim Yeo was named as the fathe

Conservative Association gathered for their annual Christmas tea.

When the news came through shortly after 3.30pm, as the winners of the tombola went up to collect prizes of home-made chutney and knitted Santan dolls, the gentle chinking of teacups and saucers suddenly stopped.

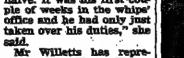
David Willetts would Waitrose on Saturdays) resign -- but resign be had. others complain that be Somehow the cherry cake didn't quite taste the same after that.

"We have this tes party every year. We shall remember this one." said Doris Pine, president of the Havant ladies committee, minutes after the bomb-shell had been dropped. I'm absolutely shocked.

I am very disgusted by the whole thing. I think David

whole thing, I think David party chairman, spoke to has been treated in the most dreadful way." The sentiment was ter, ladies' committee balance by Thelma Carpen-ter, ladies' committee balance by the balance balan chairman, who said the conservatives had lost a very good minister. "He is a great MP and a very nice it has happened. The great MP and a very nice man. He is well liked by all parties down here. The ing to resign. This doesn't whole thing has been a lessen our support for storm in a teacup." But how could a man In Havant's main street.

known as Two Brains nave where the near paper ban, than got whappen up in a hight a byelection. "He was who needs enemies?" com-got it so wrong? (Brian Wil-son, Labour frontbencher, naive and arrogant, say own which bore no relation then he tried to cover up fore trudging off into the hinted at an explanation. MPs", few people seemed to to local issues. But he his cover-up," she said.



sented the affinent Hamp-shire constituency since 1992, when he enjoyed a 17,000-strong majority over the Liberal Democrats. f teacups and sancers sud-while some townsfolk say he has a high local profile Nobody had expected that the does his shopping at others complain that he spends too little time on constituency affairs and

puts his career first. Conservative party stal warts in Havant had watched the drams of Mr

Willetts's role in the cash for questions affair with interest - but had not ex-pected the brutal denouement that came yesterday. Ted Gale, the Havant party chairman, spoke to

known as Two Brains have got it so wrong? (Brian Wil-son, Labour frontbencher, naive and arrogant, say



A sombre mood at the Tories' Christmas tea party in Havant, Mr Willetts's constituency

be impressed with the Paymaster General's decision to fall on his sword. Bob McCartney, a retired lorry driver who voted Tory at the last election, said he would not do so again. "If he had been up to naughtiness he should chuck it all in — not just as

a minister but also as an MP," he said. Others were equally disil-lusioned. John Penketh, a retired lecturer, said politi-cians got wrapped up in a "fantasy world" of their

added wryly: "I'm fed up i with Westminster politics, but I put the Conservatives back into power each time."

Armstrong, Lynne Labour's prospective par-liamentary candidate for Havant, claimed there had been a 27 per cent swing from the Conservatives to Labour in the seat since leges committee hearings 1992.

She called on Mr Willetts fight a byelection. "He was involved in a cover-up and "With friends like that, who needs enemies?" com-mented Mrs Carpenter, be-

Meanwhile, the members of Havant Conservative Association left their Georgian townhouse HQ in low

spirits and trooped into the December cold. Willetts said "I have read the report of the Committee of Standards and Privileges which has And what of Quentin savage interrogation of Mr Willetts during the Com-mons Standards and Privi-

AVID WILLETTS is otect his close and personal man of honour, they say, because he decided three years. to resign as soon as the jury foreman had read out the verdict

That only seems unusual these days because so many ministers in John Major's government have been driven get you down" as much as the gift of the inscribed watch to Asil Nadir that did for him. out of office days or even Norman Lamont didn't step weeks after the verdict has down as Chancellor until six

months after the pound had been bounced out of the Exbeen delivered. In Westminster folklore nobody has really resigned "on principle" since the "good old days" of 1982 when Lord Carchange Rate Mechanism by the speculators. Cecil Parkinson was per haps the greatest example of the successful "come back kid." He was said to be rington and his Foreign Office team of Humphrey At-kins and Richard Luce Thatcher's chosen successor until his career was wrecked resigned on masse over the Falklands. David Mellor's Cabinet resignation in by his affair with Sarah September 1992 was the first Keays becoming public. Of the Major government and the Prime Minister's desire to Major came in January 1994 forgiven.

The letters .

friend set the tone for the next of a child born to a Hackney Conservative councillor, Julia Northern Ireland minister Michael Mates resigned in transport minister Lord Caith-June 1993. It was the inscripness resigned after his wife committed suicide and her parents alleged she had been tion: "Don't let the buggers distressed by his rela with another woman. ed by his relationship

Mr Major let it be known that in future he would no longer protect those who found their private lives all over the Sunday papers. The culture swiftly changed

to a government where nobody appeared to resign. Wil-liam Waldegrave refused to go after the Scott inquiry despite telling MPs it was defensible to mislead the Commons. On this yardstick David

Willetts will be quickly

In his resignation letter, David | ing the Government from the | ment in the light of the combackbenches." mittee's report.

"I am most grateful for all your hard work through the years, both during your time as a minister and before. You John Major replied:

probably prompted his demise?

and Privileges which has been published this after-noor. I am sorry my integrity has been called into question, especially as throughout the committee hearing I told the truth and I stand by my evi-dence to the committee. How-ever, in the light of their report, I believe the only bon-ourable course is to resign. ourable course is to resign.

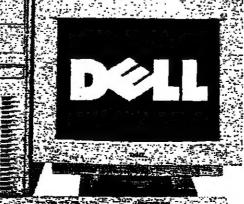
"Thank you for your letter today following the report of had, in particular, been play-ing a key role as Paymaster General in helping to co-ordithe Committee on Standards and Privileges. "I very much regret your resignation as Paymaster nate the planning and presen-General, but I accept your General, but I accept your reasons. It is consistent with the dignified way that you have conducted yourself that you should feel it right to bring about another victory

"I look forward to support- | stand down from the Govern- | at the general election."



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Clarke woos

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to Emu risk

Analysis/Failure over pact would deal blow to single currency timetable, reports John Palmer **Uncertain climax nears**

HE drive to create a single European currency will reach an uncertain climax tonight when European Union finance ministers meet in Dublin ahead of tomorrow's full-scale summit attended by John Major and the 14 other EU heads of government.

If Germany, which has spearheaded the push for the euro, and its pariners can agree the terms of a so-called stability pact, the summitters are expected to declare Euro-pean monetary union (Emu)

in 1999 to be irreversible. A stability pact would in-clude automatic sanctions against single currency countries which run up excessive budget deficits. Opinions differ widely as to whether such a pact, including the tough conditions and penalties sought by Germany, can bate about whether a single be agreed, or made to stick. currency will enhance or

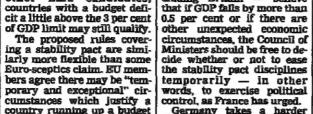


for the single currency

This week. France publicly differed with Bonn over the stringency of such purely fi-nancial conditions, insisting there should be political control over such decisions. While the outstanding

issues are highly technical, they go to the heart of the de-

in the evolving system than some Euro-sceptics admit. Countries seeking to join the currency will be judged, early in 1998, on more than simple compliance with the details of the Masstricht Twette, cette which output falls by 2 per cent over 12 successive the Maastricht Treaty crite-ria for monetary union. months — a rare event. But the German finance minister, Providing they are deemed to be on target for lasting eco-Theo Waigel, has agreed to reduce this to 1.5 per cent. to be on targer for lashing eco-nomic convergence with the other Emu candidates, countries with a budget defi-cit a little above the 3 per cent Most EU governments — in-cluding Britain — believe



temporarily — in other words, to exercise political control, as France has urged. cumstances which justify a country running up a budget Germany takes a harder line. For the strict monetarist leficit above 3 per cent. Germany, with the sole sup- | avatollahs of the German

restrict economic prosperity, growth and employment pros-pects across the continent. Yet there is more flexibility in the evolving system than some Euro-sceptics admit. Countries seeking to join the Countries seekin originally defined as one in neth Clarke.

He echoed the views of al-most all his EU colleagues recently when he accused the government in Bonn of taking an eraggerated and dogmatic approach to the stability pact. For Helmut Kohl, tough talking on the pact is tacti-cally necessary to reassure fi-nancial conservatives in Broutent endowments

Frankfurt and elsewhere. Yet on most of the main issues at the heart of Emu, the Germans have, in prac-tice, proved more flexible than their rhetoric would sug-gest. They recently agreed to limit the potential fines on a -recalcitrant single currency country to just 0.5 per cent of

greater than the costs of monits GDP, whereas before they | etary union itself.

Commons built into the pact, would deal a blow to the entire single curdebate rency timetable. If disagreement then led to

Michael White open disagreement between Germany and the rest of the EU about monetary union **Political Editor** philosophy, the financial markets might conclude the whole project was a write off. Much expert opinion thinks HE Chancellor, Ken-neth Clarke, last night tried to ease the fears of hostile Eurothis unlikely. Germany has al-ready suggested the stability pact negotiations could con-tinue up to next June's Am-sterdam summit, if necessary. Meanwhile, it is argued in sceptic MPs when he warned the Commons that the pro-posed single currency could hreak up with extremely dam-aging consequences if the European Union rushed too quickly to meet its 1999 deadline Brussels, the costs of not mov ing to a single currency are for the EU as a whole, fau While setting out the posi-

two years.

icy on the single currency as

in the annual vote on the EU's in the annual vote on the EU's fishing policy, as it dki with Tory sceptic help last Christ-mas. Though both sides taunted each other over a hard core of 50 sceptics in each party, Mr Brown claimed 95 per cent support for Labour's EU policies — while Mr Clarke dare not put his own to a vote, he claimed. Mr Clarke aligned himself Mr Clarke aligned himself with Germany in wanting the convergence criteria enforced strongly. "One of the key risks to the whole enterprise must be the possibility that it is set up on the basis of polutical compromise rather than hard-nosed economics," he warned.

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The case for economic and monetary union included a stable exchange rate - by tive case for British membership if the terms were right, the Chancellor also admitted contrast with the sharp rise in the pound which was now the potential risks of aban-doning sterling and said that getting it right was far more alarming exporters - lower interest rates and cheaper important than what he called the Maastricht Treaty's "weakest part — the artificial timetable" which could see transaction costs, plus "more intense direct competition" between states whose prices and wage differences would be obvious to each other. the euro launched in harely Unless France and Ger-

many followed Britain's free market approach they would find it difficult to compete. "It Mr Clarke faced constant interruptions and sharp criti-cisms from his own back is even arguable that we benches at the start of the benches at the start of the two-day Commons debate be-fore this weekend's Dublin summit, where samples of the new currency will be dis-played in public for the first time. But he stuck to his de-played in public for the first might well benefit more from it than most other aspiring member states." he said to backbench silence.

To balance his message he also warned against fudging the Maastricht terms for weaker countries, but sceptics were not appeased.

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Challenged by arch-sceptic Tony Marlow about why he thought monetary union would not threaten the nation state, Mr Clarke said: "If I shared that belief, I would be against Emu."

of sceptic scorn. In a withering anti-single No Conservative politician currency speech, which again hinted at eventual British withdrawal from Europe, Mr would accept a federalist European superstate and fewer and fewer EU politi-Clarke's predecessor, Norcians wanted one, he said, a man Lamont, said it was "cu-rious logic" that a nation point passionately rejected by Mr Lamont and other MPs which could not make up its who said political union was the explicit aim of many Ger-man leaders. To shouts of "It is!" about a

own mind on the euro would thereby obtain greater influ-ence at the talks. Mr Clarke stood his ground. As the debate got under looming superstate from his own side, he warned: "Treatway the Chancellor won sup-port from pro-European ing the debate about Enu as the debate about the beavyweights on both sides creation of a superstate such as Sir Edward Heath arouses public fears and de



Peter Hetherington

CURROUNDED by the Sfruits of Europe, and bombarded by election leaflets, Richard tried to summon a little enthusi-asm for that great debate about Britain's future.

"A bit stupid this Com-mon Market, isn't it? Personally I only buy British produce, but if they grow it over there I suppose I've got to sell it."



As part of Merseyside geared up for the polls today, talk of a single currency and closer economic integration seemed a continent away from the veg shop Richard manages in Liverpool's Walton district.

The shelves were bulging with bright green Golden Delicious from France, small baskets of clemen tines from Spain and as-sorted produce from the Mediterranean sunbelt. But his views on the European Union matched the gloom of another grey Merseyside day.

crap, blockade our lorries are prepared to dismiss through a 2650 million aid - now the Greeks are at it, Brussels in a conurbation programme designed and we're supposed to take receiving more BU handouts than any other part of it all lying down. What has England. Europe done for us." Quite a lot, actually. It is one of the great ironies of Britain's forgotten byelec-tive one'' area because tion today, for the vacant earnings are only 75 per Euro-seat of Merseyside cent of the EU's average. As



Richard Corbett, the Labour candidate in today's Euro-byelection, which is likely to see a turnout of less than 15 per cent PHOTOGRAPH: CHRIS THOMOND

"The French treat us like | West, that so many electors | a result, it is midway | don't see anything from rap, blockade our lorries | are prepared to dismiss | through a 2850 million aid | Europe that brought bene-now the Greeks are at it, | Brussels in a conurbation | programme | designed | fit to us." largely to provide more jobs and training.

But with an unemployment rate of over 17 per cent across the constitu-ency, which stretches from inner Liverpool to Southport, few seemed to appreciate the scale of this hand-

out. "Look at the state of this area," pleaded Margaret Williams behind the

ONSERVATIVES: the

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tic Tory vision of national identity, which has suffered

identity, which has suffered many indignities in Britain's

or more precisely England's

Hard core Euro-sceptics like the "whipless eight" in-

clude such Tories as Nicholas

Budgen and Richard Shep-herd, but also Little England populists like Teresa Gorman

and Tony Marlow. There is also a group which

regards itself as pro-Euro-pean, and voted yes in 1975,

but is strongly anti-federalist: Norman Lamont, David

Heathcoat-Amory, John Red-wood and Lady Thatcher.

Also Bill Cash, the most fanat

ical Euro-wonk of all Lord

(Nigel) Lawson is a pro-Euro-pean opponent of a single currency.

five opponents of the single

currency: Michael Howard,

Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley, William Hague, and Lord

Cranborne. They say you can-not have a single currency that

will not damage Europe's pe-

ripheral areas unless you are prepared to transfer huge

funds to depressed regions. A

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LABOUR: Whereas Tony

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The Cabinet contains at least

post-imperial retreat.

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On a turnout which is likely to be under a pitiful 15 per cent, he will assuredly join the ranks of And then, of course, there is the distant prospect of 625 other MEPs at Stras-Britain joining a single curbourg. Labour took 58 per rency. A customer said: "It's about not changing cent of the vote in 1994. The Liberal candidate, a

The Liberal candidate, a university law lecturer. Kiron Reid, said he had never been asked a ques-tion on the doorstep about Europe during the cam-paign. "Bizarre, isn't it?" The Tory candidate, Jeryour money when you go abroad, isn't it? Might be a good thing." Sadly for Richard Cor-bett, the Labour candidate in today's contest, caused by the death last September of the MEP Tim Stewart, emy Myers, managing di-"There's still a recession about the euro — which pany, said: "People are going on, too many people will probably make little stopping and thinking out of work in Liverpool. I difference to his prospects. about it."

Cause cuts across party

Michael White charts diverse individual | Ing David Hunt and John stances that defy the conventional labels

Sir Edward Heath what he thinks about a European currency, and the former prime minister who took Britain into the Common Market in 1973 will say it has always been the logical consequence of a single market. Sir Edward, now 80, has become an unabashed federalist. You cannot have free movement of goods and

States, he says. Younger MPs like Edwina Currie and Quentin Davies take a brave stand, but older Tories, who remem-

ber the war, are the most fervent Euro-idealists. The ex-Chancellor, Lord Howe, also Bean was once a pro-Euro-pean and even now devises constitutions for a People's do "Heath's protegès", includ-

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Pro ONSERVATIVES: Ask

people without a common currency like the United

European, pro-single currency party, avowedly feder-alist since the 1950s. The 1981 split of ex-Labour SDP politicians like Roy Jenkins and Shirley Williams who ended

up in the merged Lib-Dems reinforced passionate Suropeanism. David Owen bounced the other way.

prives the public of sensible information about the and Douglas Hurd, and mock sympathy from his Labour shadow, Gordon Brown, who issues faced his own tormentors for confirming that a Blair gov-But Labour's Peter Shore asked how a self-confident nation could really imagine ernment would want the socalled Maastricht converitself "no better than a rategence criteria for economic and monetary union to be capped local authority" in managing its economic "flexibly" interpreted by policies. ministers

Labour is hoping to defeat | Leader comment, page 8

Rowdy field day



Simon Hoggart

A fact) tried to raise the subject of David Wil-

letts, but she got nowhere at all. The House of Commons

everyone is talking about, it's

rarely debates the subject

LICE Mahon (Lab. Hali-

tomorrow. Then Mr Major ar-rived, and almost imperceptibly, Mr Fabricant inched into the place behind him. Readers may remember Martin Peters, who played in England's great 1960s team. He was halled as a player be-

fore his time, because while he never touched the ball, be was always in the perfect position. Mr Fabricant can make that same claim. And like a football crowd.

the Conservative Euro-sceptics were all at one end of the ground, the better to barrack Ken Clarke.

Clarke was at his most Kennish, making broad, plonking statements as If they were the most obvious truisms. People who suggested that a single currency would lead to a European super-state were only arousing public fears, he said. This was greeted with sustained barracking.

Naturally, in response he not only trailed his coat but dragged a flatbed truck of furs. "Fewer and fewer people on the Continent see Emu as a means towards federalism." he added, to even greater fury from the hooligans. Norman Lamont produced

the names of various Euro-pean persons who had told him that Emu was meant to create a federal state. Mr Clarke scornfully quoted Hel-mut Kohl back at him, adding airly: "Of course, the presi-dent of the Bank of Baden-Wurtemberg might say some thing different.

He was lavish in his praise of John Major, no doubt because of last week's notorious BBC lunch at Chez Nico where he rubbished the man. Gordon Brown hinted that he had been tipsy. "Wine played less of a part in that lunch than you seem to be-lieve. But that is the least of

my complaints against the two BBC journalists. In fact they were all shopped by Labour's Frank

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paigning for a referendum no. Current Labour antis emphasise the undemocratic nature of the EU and its deflationary priorities that threaten jobs. Blairites claim they are a fading, ageing force, but they can probably muster 40 votes. LIBERAL DEMOCRATS:

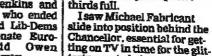
Nick Harvey, MP for Devon North, is anti-EU.

Blair more warily so. Robin Cook is worried about demo-

leader's line, as do some older leftwingers — Ken Living-stone has become a federalist.

Europe. Two weeks ago Tories were forming a lynch mob to hang the Prime Minister for

not giving them a debate. Now it was here, and the Tory benches were perhaps twothirds full.



cratic accountability and deflationary job losses. Younger "New Labour" MPs like Cal-lum MacDonald follow the

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS: The most consistently pro-

pro-single currency. Tony

1973, was an ardent "Europe of the regions" man. But he wanted greater control over the new central bank. Gordon Brown is strongly

prime ministers Harold Wil-son and Jim Callaghan were both pro-Europeans. Out of office, Labour favoured withdrawal before Jacques Delors persuaded Nell Kinnock and the TUC in

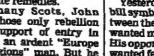
A backbencher: "Madam

Speaker, Godzilla has been

sighted in Docklands where e has just eaten the Canary Wharf Tower. Are you aware of a government statement?" Madam Speaker: "I have

received no such notification Ten minute rule bill, Mr John

Heppelli" Yesterday's ten minute rule



Like many Scots, John Smith, whose only rebellion was in support of entry in

1986-88 that a "social Europe" offered better prospects than Thatcherite remedies.

bill symbolised the gap be-tween the parties. Mr Heppell wanted more fire regulations, His opponent, Anthony Steen,

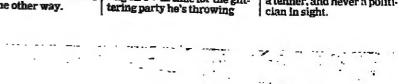
wanted fewer. He had a host of fun figures. Why, there had n only 411,000 fires in 1994. Eh? Fire regulations in-creased the burden on indus

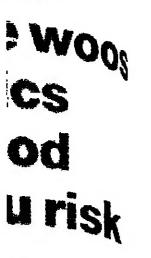
try and made us less competitive. If it wasn't for fire regulations, we could have built 500 new hospitals. Even if this were true, he must know that they would all be

full of people having skin grafts, Finally Ken Clarke rose to begin the debate on

Dobson. Might I recommend. in the Westminster area, the

a tenner, and never a politi-cian in sight.





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The blast at the Israeli embassy in 1994, caused by a bomb in an Audi driven by an untraced smart middle-aged woman who left carrying a Harrods bag

Embassy bomb: two guilty

Duncan Campbell and Richard Norton-Taylor on trial verdict for Palestinians who plotted attacks on Jewish targets in London

WO young, middle- | address of the Israeli emclass Palestinians bassy. The woman parked were yesterday convicted of plotting the bomb that blasted the Israeli embassy in July 1994. A third defendant was cleared. Samar Alami, aged 31, and hand.

Jawad Botmeh, aged 28, were The diplomatic protection convicted of conspiring to officer, PC Ian Duncan, apcause explosions by an 11-1 proached her, and she exпа з

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terrorist branch. Finger-prints linked the pair to the cache. Botmeh and Alami accepted

Botmeh was seen by police as the man who was purchas-ing the cars, using false but not planned to cause similar names. His friend and explosions in Britain, the offence with which they were charged. They claimed that they had been researching exbusiness associate. Abu-Wardeh, who has a British pass-port, was also followed. He was acquitted on all counts plosives with a view to assistyesterday. The arrests began on 17 January 1935; seven people were eventually held, of whom four stood trial. The police have always indicated the occupied territories. The bombs led to allega-

tions of lack of co-operation between police and MI5 and the intervention of the Israeli that others who have not been traced were involved and secret service, Mossad. However, Detective Superhave said that they will continue the search for them.

intendent Bill Emerton, the senior officer in the case, in-

second husband as a natural and much-loved successor. The judge said the stress meant that Mr McCarthy would never return to his job as a machine operator, or any other full-time work. "My decision creates

tern of damages pay-ments following the Hillsborough disaster precedent. I decide it on the facts of the instant case and I am satisfied that on the balance of probabilities this plaintiff passes the tests required of him entitling him to be compensated for his hurt and consequential injury to his health." Mr McCarthy was awarded

his costs and the judge refused South Yorkshire

refused South Yorkshire police a stay on the damages pending appeal, which law-yers said the Chief Constable was considering. Mrs Glover, who lives in Liverpool, said after the hear-ing "I am happy — and I'm sad. It is very emotional for us even after all these years. I don't think they should have revealed the amount of revealed the amount of money John has received, be-cause they didn't do that for the police officers. "We just wanted the truth,

"We just wanted the truth, and after what John has suf-fered for 7% years, he de-serves what he's got." The ruling will not open the way to further claims by fam-

ilies of the victims as it does not set a precedent.

the victim. Police who have been

over Ian's body after hurry-ing from a different terrace at the Sheffield Wednesday ground He had attempted su It follows guidelines laid down by the House of Lords, which make it clear only rela-tives who were "close in time and space" — in other words, cide on Ian's 21st birthday which he had been planning at the ground — and were "bound by close ties of love and affection" are entitled to

HE controversial pat-

children because of the "cata-strophic" change in his per-sonality after Hillsborough. His wife had spoken of the ex-ceptional bond between the

their connections to the ex-plosives but argued they had could be."

pings Lane stand but who survived. The judge said he was satisfied that John was part of a close-knit family.

One other relative is believed to have successfully claimed compensation - a father who accompanied his son to the ground and stayed on the coach intending to

before the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest match as a big family celebration. The court also heard that Mr McCarthy had separated from his wife and their two compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder. Other relatives were turned down because they were not at the ground or were not in a close enough relationship to

two men. Their mother, Theresa Glover, had said: "They were as close as any brothers

awarded compensation, to the families' anger, were eligible because they fell into a sepa-Ian was featured in last week's Granada TV documen-tary on the disaster, along with his natural brother, Joe, who was with him on the Leprate category — rescuers — who, the Law Lords held, were owed a duty of care by ng the Palestinian cause in

their employers and were therefore entitled to claim.

His father had died before he was born but he had al-ways looked on his mother's watch the match on TV.

Fiennes calls off Antarctic walk

Old Bailey had deliberated for 61/2 hours. Mahmoud Abu-Wardeh, aged 26, was acquitted of all charges. A fourth de-fendant, Nadia Zekra, aged 48. had been cleared earlier in the nine week trial. Mr Justice Garland will pass sentence on Monday after hearing mitigation evidence. Relatives and friends of the

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asked to return in five minutes and wanted to buy some cigarettes. At 12.10 the bomb exploded. No one was killed or perma-nently injured by the blast, or

a second one just after mid-night that night outside a Jewish organisation at Balfour House in Finchley, north

In letters to two Palestinian convicted pair, who were remanded in custody, wept in the public gallery. The three accused embraced after the verdicts, and Mr Abu-Wardeb newspapers and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, the bomb was claimed on behalf of a previously unknown group called the Palestinian Resistance Jaffa Group Palesmouthed his thanks to the jury. The police said that they will continue the hunt for the tine. But it was six months was Botmeh. woman who placed the bomb. It was just before noon on

before any arrests were made. It was one man's sharp memory that helped crack the Audi, registration D201 BGU, driven by a smartly-dressed middle-aged woman, entered Palace Green, the London auction. He recalled in almost case. On June 15 1994 he had



Books and equipment found with guilty pair's fingerprints

photographic detail a BMW | plosives engineering, and driven by one of the guides surveillance.

purchasers. The anti-terrorist branc The next breakthrough for set about tracing all the the police came when the owners of that model in England. The owner of the 199th age units in west London opened one unit on which the rental had not been paid. In-side were two self-loading pis-

He was put under surveil-lance, and this established his links with Alami. At the tols, bomb-making equipment, a book on guerilla warfare by Che Guevara, and home of Alami's absent uncle in Kensington, hidden in a

the pair shared the beliefs of the Popular Front for the Lib-eration of Palestine, disap-ware no intalligence secrets proved of the appeasement policies of Yasser Arafat, and were determined to take a more militant stance. In court, the accused denied | London: the families involved this, saying that a bomb outside the Israel embassy would be counter-productive. tinian The defence was mounted

to avoiding by three of the most experi-nce. enced bomb trial QCs: Michael Mansfield for Bot-meh and Alami, Rock Tansey for Abu-Wardeh, and Helen passed. Kennedy for Zekra. Mr Mans-field presented the jury with a history of the Middle East from the Palestinian perspec-

tigation. He added: "There were no intelligence secrets Fiennes to become the first about this job ... There was man to walk solo across Antartica has ended in failan intelligence vacuum" The arrests shocked the Palestinian community in ure, it emerged last night, urites Nick Varley. The bid ended when his were all well known, and many were involved in Palessupport team spotted smoke charitable from two distress flares. Sir organisations. Ranulph, aged 53, fired the A spokesman for the Israeli SOS signal after a recurrence

embassy said that there would be no comment on the case until sentences had been to the North Pole.

THE attempt by the explanation of the second stress plies almost a quarter of the way into the 110-day trek. He was slightly behind the Norwegian, Borge Ousland, aged 33, his main rival in a race with other international explorers to become the first to walk alone and unaided across the freezing landscape. Sir Ranulph was drawn to of the kidney problems which ended a previous expedition staging the latest trek in the hope of raising £1 million for the breast cancer charity The expedition's premature Breakthrough.

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Woman studying for second master's, man married to policeman's daughter

Lebanese passport. Her father worked for the Arab Bank in Beirut.

26 July 1994 that a silver

One of four sisters and two brothers, she came to

two brothers, she can a to London in 1984, took a mas-ter's degree in engineering at Imperial College and, at the time of her arrest, was living in Kensington and studying for a second mas-ter's at City university. Her speciality is water resources management, which her family said she had hoped to put to practi-cal effect in Gaza.

SAMAR Alami, aged 31. Sis half Palestinian and half Lebanese, and was in Beirut; she holds a Aid to Palestine charity, Aid to Palestine charity, Aid to Palestine charity, Amnesty International, and War on Want. She also organised fund-raising events for Palestinian charities and was a voluntary translator for Arab hospi-

tal patients. Around 70 people, mainly British, offered to stand bail for her; Lord Gilmour, the former Cabinet minis-ter, a friend of the family. was one of her sureties. Her supporters in the Friends of Samar Aalami group inchuded MPs Harry Cohen, Tony Benn and Jeremy in Bethlehem and his fam-

week consultation period.

The BBC claims BSkyB .

needed to decode digital sig-



Samar Alami and Jawad Botmeh, convicted yesterday

Corbyn, as well as Jewish | ily village is Batir, five and Arab activists. Jawad Botmeb, aged 28, a miles from Jerusalem. He is Palestinian with a Jordafriend of Alami, was born nian passport.

He went to Leicester and

Nottingham universities where he was active in stu-dent politics, and has a master's degree in engi-neering. His father, who funded his education, is a bank manager on the West Bank; his mother works for the United Nations Works and Relief Agency. He lives in Bloomsbury, central London, and is married to a woman from Leicester, the daughter of a police officer, although some of his friends were unaware of the fact; they have a child. Alami gave him financial assistance. Botmeh never made any secret of his campaigning

tive, in which Israeli forces

and Jewish settlers waged a

terrorist war and the Israeli

for an independent Pales-tine. In the witness box he spoke of the "degradation and repression" faced by Palestinians in Israel and said that Britain had given him a "sense of freedom".

Security at a nightclub at the centre of Leah Betts's death was organised by a man who was later a victim of murder, Norwich problem. crown court was told yesterday.

The jury heard that the ec-stasy tablet which caused Leah's death in November two weeks after Leah's death on November 11. last year was bought in the nightclub, called Raquel's, in Basildon, Essex. The jury has been told that Leah obtained ecstasy though

Security at Raquel's was at a network of friends. Anthony Tucker, 38, of Fob-bing, Essex, one of three men found shot dead in a Range It is alleged that the drug was bought from an unknown Rover at Rettendon, Essex, in December last year. But the manager of Ra-quel's at the time Leah died

to his girlfriend, Louise Yexsaid that he had no idea that ley, 18, of Basildon, Essex. She then passed it on to Tucker had been involved in the Essex drugs scene. David Sims said he did not accept Leah's best friend, Sarah Carthat Raquel's had a reputa-tion for drug abuse. Under gill, 18, of Basildon, Essex, who handed it on to Leah. Miss Cargill said that she cross-examinationhe said he knew Tucker but did not and Leah had wanted ecstasy for Leah's 18th birthday party know his reputation. He ac-cepted that the club had a repand had asked Miss Yexley if utation for being rough and she could help them get some occasionally troublesome. Packman denies a charge of But at no time did I feel it being concerned with supplyhad a reputation for drug ing ecstasy to Leah Betts and abuse and that was never inti-Sarah Cargill mated to me by anyone."

He would have expected the gation but has yet to be club's head doorman, Bernie sentenced. Miss Cargill and Miss Yex-King, or the police to have told him if there was a drug ley have also admitted their

involvement and have been formally cautioned by police. John Cooper. defending, He did not know that Ber nie King was involved in dis-tributing drugs at the club. Mr King had left his job about said that there was a tria pending in relation to Tuck-

er's murder. Patrick O'Mahoney — who is also known as Bernie King - said that it was common knowledge among doormen

and management at Raquel's that drugs were being sup-plied in the club. "We were aware ... that ecdealer at Raquel's by Steven Packman, 18, of Laindon, Essex. It is then said to have stasy was being supplied in that club and by whom as been passed to Packman's friend, Stephen Smith, 19, of Basildon, Essex. He passed it well.

"I was aware, as well as the management were aware, and everyone else was aware, what particular person was supplying ecstasy in that club. I have got the guts to admit it even if the manage ment haven't."

There was "no question" of him being involved in supplying the drug that killed the teenager. He had seen nothing of any transaction relating to the Leah Betts inquiry in the club. "There is no question of me being involved. Smith has admitted the alle-

The hearing continues.

BBC warns of warfare over digital TV

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

following the Department of Trade and Industry's two-UERRILLA warfare Gibroadcasters because of inadequate government rules on the introduction of expected to be first into the market with the set-top box digital television, the BBC warned yesterday.

nals - will control access for Viewers could face costly other broadcasters and the "hardware wars" If the Govimportant subscriber manernment's regulations are not agement systems used to col-lect pay-TV revenue. It fears tightened, Patricia Hodgson, the corporation's director of the electronic programme policy and planning, claimed. guides which will navigate The BBC fears Rupert Murviewers through a multidoch's BSkyB will gain an un-fair stranglehold over the channel world will highlight BSkyB's programmes while new technology when up to BSkyB's programmes while 200 digital satellite channels relegating a menu of BBC ser-

are launched next autumn. vices to obscurity. The Gov- shank yesterday and hoped would ensure compatibility are satellite and terres-An 11th-hour appeal to change the regulations was made by the BBC yesterday ing other broadcasters had access to BSkyB's set-top box regulations in the Commons technology. Ms Hodgson said: "The regu

before Christmas. It says they ensure fair and lations are complex and non-discriminatory access for opaque. There is some risk of all broadcasters. Don Cruickshank director general of the watchdog Oftel, has powers to intervene over anti-competitive behaviour. The rules will come into ef-

fect after 21 sitting days, un-less MPs force a debate and possibly a vote. Geoff Hoon, launch alongside BSkyB. Labour's technology spokesman, said the party would

seek to initiate a Commons debate on the regulations. boxes to other broadcasters smart cards and manage their He was meeting Mr Cruick- and manufacturers. That i own base of subscribers.

trial boxes.

The BBC wants to put its free-to-air services — BBC1. BBC2 in widescreen and 24hour TV news - and its planned subscription channels on digital satellite, terrestrial and cable systems to

ensure it remains a universally available broadcaster. Digital terrestrial is expected to launch in mid-1998 offering up to 36 channels. The ITV Association and

minister, is today expected to be appointed to spearhead the Tories' general election cam-

rated from his wife, is famous for his love life involving five mistresses, and has also attracted controversy by accepting the £150,000-a-year chair-manship of the Road Haulage Association once he leaves Westminster.

Tory sources said yesterday that the party was aware that its standing in London was running behind its overall po-The father of two, now sepa- | sition in the country.

tain to be targeted by Labour as the epitome of Tory sleaze because of his exotic love life and rapid acquisition of some £200,000 of transport-related jobs since leaving office. A friend of Mr Norris said yesterday: "He is lining up jobs after the election, and he thinks it would be a good use of his time until then ... and Essex — who is giving up his also a lot of fun." seat at the election — is cer-

Norris to lead Tories' poll bid in South-east **Rebecca Smithers** STEVEN Norris, the flam-boyant former transport

paign in the South-east. However, the 51-year-old member for Epping Forest in

Channel 4 were also critical of the DTI rules. They said they wanted broadcasters to be

Operators should also be required to license their able to distribute their own

continuing guerrilla warfare between box manufacturers, broadcasters, and Ofiel as they try to make sense of them." Set-top box operators should be required to provide

necessary information to allow broadcasters to plan

digital services in time to

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Milosevic's flashback mouthpiece

'l am a retarded. juvenile, easily manipulated, pro-fascist'

Julian Borger reports on Belgrade's ham-fisted propaganda and the mockery on the streets

T WAS another timewarp moment in Slobo-dan Milosevic's Serbia: a opposition won - had "gone dan whiteevic's Sernia' a cavernous conference chamber in Belgrade dominated by an industrial-size piece of socialist realist art, depicting muscular Yugo-slav heroes defending a tat-tered red flag against an un-cean fre through successfully". The seen foe. Seen toe. Beneath this dramatic scene a bored group of jour-nalists fumbled with grey plastic headsets in an effort to decipher a prepared text de-livered by a Socialist func-tionary. As he spoke, waiters distributed cups of sludgy bitter coffee.

Through an interpreter, the foreign ministry official was saying something about the government's hope for "the full normalisation of relations with the human Uniter" with the European Union". Last month's local elections

daily 100,000 strong protests in the streets outside were merely a "distraction". Reporters from the state press scribbled down every word; the foreigners fiddled with the volume control on their headphones; the stal-warts from Serbla's independent press simply stared into space: they had heard all this before. But then, mused a yeteran Belgrade reporter when the agonising event was over, "it somehow seemed that in the old days the lies were

In a country where the best jobs are still distributed ac-cording to party loyalty rather than academic merit, the propaganda campaign has better". The crudity of the propaganda machine is one of the driving forces behind the poured fuel on the flames. protests. Srdja Popovic, a stu-dent leader, called the official portrayal of the demonstra-The only acts of violence so far have been directed at buildings owned by state tele-

- whose results were an-nutled almost everywhere the Nato ignores Karadzic sighting

UNITED NATIONS police in Bosnia said yesterday they had spotted the Bosnian Serb leader and indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic took no action to arrest him. A Nato spokesman, Major Brett Boudreau, said: "We received the report. I'm not in the Serbian government seat Pale, but the Nato-led aware of us doing anything in particular." --- Reuter.

tions "an insult to our intellivision and a Socialist Party gence". A government spokes-man replied that the protests newspaper, which have largely ignored the protests. Most of the placards held aloft were an "egghead revolution" led by a narrow group of in-tellectual snobs. by the crowd appear to be conducting an angry dialogue with the state media.

It is a dialogue with a lan-guage of its own. A widely-used slogan says "Viva coar-ial cables!" This turns out not to be a separate demand by the electrical engineering faculty but a reference to the inendent radio station B93

a pro-regime tabloid, Flash. which was suddenly closed, due to "damage to a coaxial antenna cable" supposedly For a week before its launch. television advertisements

renewised startling revelations about the funding of opposi-tion protests by "cocaine car-tels' and the infiltration of the Belgrade demonstrations by "disguised Muslim soldiers" cont by the Regular mesident. anitetina cante supposenty caused by heavy rain. A few days earlier, a meet-ing of the Serbian parliament was postponed at short notice. The hastily issued official reason was the need to con-duct "pest-control" — spark-ing a string of opposition jokes about spraying mosquitos in the heart of a Balkan winter.

"disguised Muslim soldiers" sent by the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic. When the paper finally ap-peared it failed to live up to its sensational promises. It did have an article headed "Sarajevo city boys on the streets of Belgrade" but the text — a critique of the pro-tests — had not a word about Bosnians. Nor was there any Since the parliamentary Speaker alleged the students were being directed by "profascist" elements, the favour-ite poster has been a picture of the American child cartoon character Calvin, with the caption: "I am a retarded, ju-

venile, easily manipulated, pro-fascist." But the most ambitious operation so far in this psycho-logical war was wheeled into hattle this week in the form of

concentration camps --- wh foreigners are backing Blic" The piece darkly hints at smoe an rel

the destabilisation of Serbia by outside forces, but by the end readers are none the wiser about the threat of concentration camps.

Most of Flash's articles are unsigned. It supplies neither an address nor a telephone number, and its contributors are unknown to the Belgrade press corps. Bratislav Grubacic, who

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mention of cocaine. It published an assault on the independent daily Blic, which is part German-owned It puolished an assault on the independent daily Blic, which is part German-owned and has been publishing daily reports on the demonstra-tions. The headline was "New old school."



Aznar faces the wrath of Spain's civil servants

single European currency. Ministers claimed less than

20 per cent of the country's 2 million public sector work-ers backed the strike call; the

unions put the figure at more

than 80 per cent and threat-ened further protests.

Support for the strike was patchy. Hospitals and doctors surgeries provided basic ser-

vices but cancelled operations

and special procedures. Many parents kept their children away from school,

uncertain whether teachers would attend. Universities

were shut. In Madrid, the

Prado Museum closed. The courts and the Madrid

parliament remained open, as

although postal services and

did the regional assemblies,

Adela Gooch in Madrid

ONE-DAY strike by A civil servants protesting at government plans to impose a pay freeze threw Spain into chaos yesterday. Huge traffic jams paralysed most cities as strikers marched through driving rain. In Barcelona, a crowd of more than 100,000 protesters threw oranges and eggs at official buildings as police, who are not allowed to strike by law, stood by and watched. Students, angry about edu-cation cuts in next year's bud-get, were among the most vocal demonstrators. In a

vividly phrased swipe at the conservative prime minister, José Marla Aznar, they chanted: "If you're going to cut, snip away at Prime Minister Aznar's cock." However, clashes between the strikers and passers-by revealed how little sympathy

many Spaniards have for the public sector employees, who are considered a privileged group, enjoying job stability in a country suffering from 20 per cent unemployment.

some government offices were badly affected. A decision by transport workers to protest on a differ-"Get back to work, you layabouts," one angry woman houted as strikers stopped

ent day, December 20, allevi-ated the worst disruption. Spain's two main trade

"You should be grateful you | Workers' Commissions and the General Union of Workers have a job." Mr Aznar said he was keen - claim the pay freeze runs counter to an agreement with the previous Socialist governto negotlate with the unions but that the pay freeze was an "irreversible" part of his aus-terity budget, which is de-signed to lower Spain's deficit

But so far they have chosen not to call a general strike. The last one, against the former Socialist prime minister Felipe Gonzalez in 1994 over labour reforms, failed to win total support.

Mr Aznar, who took office in May after 13% years of Socialist rule, is keen to refute Socialist accusations that he represents the old au-tocratic Spanish right and wants to avoid social conflict. He has pulled back from unpopular measures, creat-ing an impression of indecisiveness. An agreement with the unions to guarantee the spending power of pensions into the next century angered employers.

The three sides are now discussing government plans to make it easier to hire and fire workers. But Mr Aznar, whom the polls put three to five points behind the Socialists, has said that if an agree-ment cannot be reached he will push through labour

ment which guaranteed wages would keep pace with inflation. so that it can qualify for the

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Wary Germans slow off the mark

lan Traynor in Bonn

HE German government's propaganda cam-paign to persuade reluccurrency. Germans to forfeit the Deutschmark for the single European currency appears to be falling on deaf ears.

A day before a crucial meeting of European Union finance ministers on the

about the euro, according to particularly the French, how-the survey by the prestigious ever, are less than keen to Allensbacher polling insti-bow to German demands for mands to relax the stiff terms tute. Opinion polls show a 2-1 fooiproof rigour and exclumajority against the common sive European central bank control of the single currency. Such mass German ner-Rather than believing gov-

vousness about the euro is ernment assurances that the likely to buttress Bonn's determination to secure an ironclad regime for the monetary rules governing the new cur-Germans are more persuaded by the comments of the Barency, since any hint that the varian prime minister, Ed-

of the single currency.

The same survey yesterday, published in Stern magazine registered the "feel-bad" fac tor. Some 46 per cent expected euro will be every bit as inflation to grow, despite fig-strong and stable as the mark, ures this week of 1.4 per cent inflation, the lowest level since German unification. More than one third of res regime for the single cur-rency, a new opinion poll showed only 16 per cent of Germans were optimistic were static provident of the rest of the EU. Hund Stolber, this week that an ordinary German's DM100,000(238,400) life assur-ise beyond current record levels of more than 4 million.

Moscow's softer stance **News in brief** ----------------takes Nato by surprise

John Palmer in Brussels

ATO governments claimed last night that they had achieved a "breakthrough" by securing Russia's tacit consent for the gradual expansion of the alliance into central Europe: in return, Moscow will be offered a privileged security partnership.

Their optimism followed an announcement in Brussels by the Russian foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov, that Moscow would start negotiations with Nato on a new treaty, and would drop a previous condition that the alliance must first put its plans for en largement on hold.

The United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher said that Russia's agreement on talks without prior condi-tions was "very good news". He added: "If a charter can

be worked out between Rus-sia and Nato, that will complete the integration of Europe - so we are started down the road of a unified, integrated Europe. There is no need to have enlargement redivide Europe."

Mr Primakov's positive response to Nato's offer of a security charter astonished some Western governments. "I am surprised and delighted by Russia's constructive attitude," the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said.

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Javier Solana, who held a without prior consultations, add-joint press conference with ing: "I think this will open the Mr Primakov, said that the al- door to fruitful talks."

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Desnite Mr Primakov's pub Defence chief lic reiteration of Russian opposition to enlargement, Nato governments seemed con-vinced last night that Moscow to leave army DRESIDENT Boris Yelthad now accepted that some

sin yesterday told the defence minister, Igor Ro-dionov, to leave the armed forces to become Russia's first civilian defence minisexpansion was irreversible. The 16 heads of government of the Nato allies plan to invite a small group of countries — believed to be ter in more than 70 years. A presidential order said Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovenia - to

he said. - Reuter.

Gen Rodionov, who turned 60 on December 1, would leave the military because of his age, but Mr Yeltsin said he was also launching begin membership negotia-tions at a special summit in Madrid in July. At that summit Nato also hopes to unveil two related agreements. The first will group some 27 countries - ina new tradition. He said the defence min-istry would in future be beaded by a civilian. "The cluding neutral states in west-ern Europe, countries in eastexperience of democratic ern Europe and former Soviet republics — into a new Atlanstates testifies that a civil-ian at the helm of the mintic Partnership Council.

istry can tackle the prob-lems of the state's defence," The second agreement, with Russla and Ukraine, could provide for joint deci-sions on international peacekeeping missions, nuclear

liance planned to "build a solid partnership with Rusnon-proliferation. further conventional arms reduction sia. We want to push this diaagreements and collective logue down the road ... Secuaction against international rity in Europe cannot be established without Russla". crime and terrorism. Although Russia will not be offered a veto over Nato's ex-

However, Mr Primakov was careful to say that Russia still pansion plans, it has been asbelieved that Nato's plans to sured that no nuclear admit new members from weapons will be sited on the among the former Warsaw Pact was unacceptable and would "inevitably lead to a soil of new members. The three Baltic states are not expected to be included in

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new division of Europe". the initial expanson of Nato which will be concluded in July 1999, the 50th anniver-sary of the alliance — but they have been told that eventual membership is not excluded. But he added that Moscow

Alaska on volcano alert

Pavlof volcano, at the tip of the Alaskan peninsula, has begun throwing gritty ash 15,000ft or more into the atmosphere, prompting a red alert at the Alaskan Volcano

It lies on the air route to Asia and eruptions can throw ash into the path of passing airliners. -AP.

One for Clinton

A Democrat victory over Republican incumbent in a Texan run-off from the November elections has reduced the Republican majority in the United States Congress by two, writes Richard Thomas in Washington

Mutiny victims

The master and chief engineer of a German-owned ship are missing believed dead in the Gulf of Guinea off West Africa after two of the crew mutinied, Lloyd's shipping service reported. The mutineers overpowered. - Reuter.

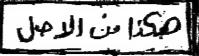
Burundian dead

The UN human rights office said yesterday that the Burun-dian army killed at least 1,100 people in October and November, including hundreds of Hutu refugees returning from Zaire - Reuter

Hot property

Porcelain made secretly for Mao Zedong at the hight of his power is being sold at auction in Beijing on Saturday. Aides ordered pieces of unsurpassed quality fired at 1,400C to oneup the emperors, who had to be content with 1,300C firing. - AP.







The Guardian Thursday December 12 1996 **Saudis feed US mood for** Iran reprisal

Martin Walker In Washington

account of the movements of key alleged conspirators into and out of Saudi Arabia, Lebanon's Beka'a valley, Damascus and Tehran".

HE Clinton adminis-tration is considering sharply escalating its campaign against Iran, possibly with covert and military action, after it possibly with covert and received "highly persuasive" evidence of Tehran's involvement in the bombings of US military facilities in Saudi Arabia

The Saudi government wants the evidence, which it passed on to the FBI, made public so that world opinion can be persuaded of Iran's responsibility. Sources within the US ad-ministration have told the Guardian that senior Saudi officials have proposed a junit

officials have proposed a joint air-strike against franjan mil-itary facilities which have supported terrorist activities. The FBI's director, Louis Freeh, has briefed the National Security Council on the evidence he was given by

Union during the cold war. Radio Free Iran is being closely co-ordinated with the Saudi interior minister, Prince Nayef, when he visited Riyadh last month. This points to Iran's involvement el's policies towards Lebanon in the truck bombing of a US and Iran.

base at Dhahran in June, which killed 19 American Mr Lubrani, Israel's last ambassador to Tehran, now works from the defence mintroops and personnel. The FBL the CIA and the istry and, on a recent visit to Washington, told US officials National Security Agency are checking the Saudi dossiers to broadcast "without restraint, no bolds barred, to confirm Riyadh's interpretation. Israeli, British and just like Radio Free Europe". German intelligence are seek-

The campaign has strong bipartisan support, with the Germany's efforts to woo Tehran ended after a warrant was issued for Iran's security minister's arrest on charges of arranging the killings of Iranian dissidents in Berlin. tegime in Iran".

The Washington Post reported yesterday that the Saudi evidence "included confessions extracted from some of 40 Saudi Shi'ites detained and accused of involvement in the bombing, results of Saudi wiretaps and other electronic esdropping, and a detailed

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ing further evidence.

Leader pages in American

Wasnington has found the dossiers electrifying, espe-cially as US naval intelligence reports claim Iranian influence was behind this year's wave of riots and demonstrations in Bahrain, the Gulf island sheikbdom which is home to the US fifth fleet. The navy has also voiced alarm at Iranian naval exercises in the Gulf last month which included the test-firing of a Chinese-built C-802 anti-ship cruise missile. The US has already stepped up its attempts to destabilise

Up its attempts to destabilise the Iranian regime: it is mak-ing television broadcasts into Iran, and preparing to launch a "Radio Free Iran", modelled on the Radio Liberty which was broadcast into the Soviet Union during the cold war

Radio Israel's Farsi-language programming, which has been given top priority by Uri Lubrani, co-ordinator of Isra-

Republican speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, urging more funds for covert opera-

newspapers are arguing for military strikes as part of a tougher response to state sponsoring terrorism. They cite the state department's lai est official report that Tehran is "the premier state sponso



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form part of a peace accord to be signed between the government and leftwing rebels. ners handed over weapons as a sign of support for a deal PHOTOGRAPH: JORGE UZON

WORLD NEWS 7 French threaten to veto UN candidate

Paris is accused of pique for refusing to endorse the Security Council's choice of successor to Boutros Boutros-Ghali

Mark Tran in New York and Ian Slack in London gainst the US for vetoing Mr Boutros-Ghali, a French pro-tege, for a second term.

Annan's personal qualifica-tions. It is motivated by a sense of political pique. It's ANGUAGE wars and power rivalries were becoming entangled at the United Nations last saying to the Americans, saying to the Americans, 'You're not the only people who can play this game," one source said. British officials went public with their displeasure after President Jacques Chirac told Nelson Mandela at the week-end that he would veto Tanza-wis's Selim Abund Salim sac night as France threatened to veto the candidacy of Kofi Annan, the Ghanaian who has now emerged as the frontrun-ner to become the next secretary-general.

In a second straw poll, France was again the only one of the five permanent members of the Security Council to oppose Mr Annan. a veteran UN diplomat and currently its head of peacekeeping, as the replacement for Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Eleven members voted to "en-courage" him and four, including France, to "discour-

age" him. Under a procedure that has been criticised for being secretive and undemocratic, the United States and Britain have lined up behind Mr An-nan, while France is backing

Amara Basy, the foreign min-ister of the Ivory Coast. Both Washington and Paris have made it clear they will block the other's choice, leaving open the prospect of dead-lock that can be broken either by the emergence of another African candidate or, less probably, someone from another part of the world.

But time is pressing as the Security Council has only until December 30 to find a replacement for the Egyptian incumbent. And France's lone opposition is not going down well with the rest of the council

Diplomats have angrily accused Paris of blocking the Ghanaian just to retaliate may block Kofi Annan

whether the French think there is any tactical mileage in holding out." As the battle moves into its

final stage, Mr Annan is starting to win semi-public plau-dits from his backers. British officials have pointed out that

he does speak French — hav-ing served with the UN in Geneva — and therefore meets Mr Chirac's language France has no objection to criterion. Aged 58, married and a

father of three, he has no hint of scandal attached to his of scandal attached to his name. "In four years I have never heard a single scurri-lous rumour about him, which must be pretty rare for the UN," said one New York-based diplomat

based diplomat. Mr Annan did have some

run-ins over Bosnia with the feisty Madeleine Albright — then US ambassador to the UN and now secretary of nia's Salim Ahmed Salim, sec-retary-general of the Organisation of African Unity, because he was not flu-"We think it's a bit rich," state-designate — but did not incur anyone's lasting enanyone's lasting en-mity. If anything, he is seen as being too close to the Americans.

said one well-placed White-hall source, "and it's a great nan source, and it's a great pity that Africans should now feel that non-French speakers are going to be ruled out.We would like to get this resolved quickly. It all depends now on "There were some tensions with Madeleine but I don't remember anyone saying a bad word about him," one



whether the likeable Ghanaian is tough enough for the Frontranner: But France

Blow for Jewish lobby

Watch the birdie **Colony adopts China's** man for the top job

Andrew Higgins reports from

Hong Kong's elected assembly over a choice expected since the Chinese president, Jiang Mr Patten yesterday offered Zemin, effectively endorsed to co-operate with Mr Tung, Mr Tung as Beijing's choice

HE LEADING arm of the pro-israel lobby in the United States has suffered a sharp legal setback,

Martin Walker In Washington

rayals of her as "that hor- | viser, Sandy Berger. He was rible macarena-dancing wom-an" and as the reincarnation close to the Peace Now move-ment in Israel in the 1980s of the former Israeli premier, Golda Meir — now fears the and has criticised Israel's response to the intifada. caricature could warp US pol-It is also disturbed at the icy in the Middle East. ruling last Friday of the US Court of Appeals that Israel's The farcical Arab press

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bird-watching is all the rage in South **Frees**-Africa, reports **Donald McNeil** rice."

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T'S 3.30am. In the thick fog. four men have a tree sur-rounded and are holding tape recorders up to it, each one sending a different hoot up into the branches, hoping for a reply. A cold drizzle runs down their necks. "We killing us." do this for fun," said Bob McCosh, aged 52. These are men who can

Competitive

charge into a patch of forest and shout: "Red-chested cuckoo! Yellow-bellied bulbul! Golden-rumped tinker barbet! Purple-banded sunbird! Orange-breasted bush shrike!" They are birders, taking part in competitive birding, as it is practised once a year in South Africa on national Birding Big Day in late November. Birding is big in South Af-

rica_ There are more than 900

bird species in southern Af-rica, compared with about 650 in North America, and they range from the huge and ugly such as marabou storks and ostriches, to the majestic, such as fish eagles and Goli-

ath herons. Gordon Holtshausen, publications director for Birdlife South Africa and a member of the team, says they can become almost obsessed. "There's this bide at Mkuzi Game Reserve," said Mike Ford, aged 54, another mem-ber. "And all these tourists were watching this huge rhino rolling in the mud. And then the four of us stomp in, saying, 'Hey, look at that rhino! Yellow-billed oxpecker on it.

The team rose at 3.15am on | too." - New York Times.

only 20 yards from their first target, the owl tree. By 8am, driving at breakneck speed, driving at breakneck speed, they have already visited a hilltop campground, a ranger's backyard, a moun-tain forest, grassy fields, a riverside cliff, a sand forest, a crocodile-infested-swamp and the town of Hluhluwe. By Sam, they have counted By 9am, they have counted

ng Big Day, having

130 species, more than half REATHED in Communist Party pag-eantry and Christmas the 254 they counted in 24 hours last year, but they are in despair. "We're about 20 species adrift," Mr Holtshau-sen lamented. "This wind is lights, a shipping tycoon who cheers for Confucian values and Liverpool FC was yesterday anointed to rule Hong Kong when the British terri-

When they leave the pro-tected areas, it becomes clear why Birdlife South Africa is tory reverts to China after 155 years of colonial rule. A 400-member committee becoming far more aggressive handpicked by Beijing and stacked with businessmen about environmentalism. The 150 miles of coastline between voted overwhelmingly as ex-pected for Tung Chee-hwa, aged 59, to replace Britain's here and Durban, which used to be native forest, is now nearly solid "green desert" — sugar cane fields and eucalyp-28th and last governor, Chris Patten, at midnight on June 30 next year. He got 330 votes.

These are men who can charge into a forest and shout 'Red-

chested cuckoo!

Twenty-nine people, includ-ing the prominent pro-democ-racy legislator Emily Lau, were hauled away to the nearby Wan Chai police station after lying in the road to protest against what ban-ners derided as a "phoney election". Police released there three hours later tus tree farms. The team has been birding competitively for 10 years, and many of its best spots are gone. Mr Holtshausen is trying to persuade large companies to set aside land for birding, talthem three hours later ing them they can make ing them they can make money doing it. American birders spend \$18 billion a year pursuing their hobby. By 10pm, with a light rain falling, the team packs it in. The winner won't be known for three weaks after the Chinese foreign min-ister, Qian Qichen, and the selection committee had left. Ms Lau was allowed to give radio interviews throughout on a mobile phone.

for three weeks. "Secretly," Mr McCosh said, "we're hoping everyone else had rotten weather.

Hong Kong on the but said: "We al course, agreed that I am res-ponsible for the administraselection of tion of Hong Kong until June Tung Chee-hwa as 30 next year and after that he is responsible." leader-in-waiting

Mr Tung was born into a wealthy family in Shanghai and fied to Hong Kong ahead of the 1949 Communist revolution. He studied in Bourne mouth and at Liverpool Uni-

versity, where he acquired a taste for football

"For the past 100 years Hong Kong has been a col-ony," he said yesterday before leaving for a meeting in China. "Now we are in charge of ourselves. I believe most Hong Kong people have confi-dence in the future."

All British governors have been appointed in London. His nearest rival was the former chief justice, Yang Ti-li-ang, who gave up his title as "sir" and a large house to compete. He got 42 votes. In third place was businessman Peter Woo with 36. The ballot for Mr Tung took

A small group of protesters erected a cardboard "tomb of place before a vast red cur-tain hung with the seal of the People's Republic of China, decor evocative of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, although Christmas wreaths democracy" outside the Hong Kong Convention Centre as a procession of Rolls-Royces and Mercedes delivered the new post-colonial elite to endorse Mr Tung as the first strung with fairy lights chief executive. Twenty-nine people, includ-

relieved the solemnity. The gathering was con-ducted in Mandarin, incomprehensible to most Hong Kong residents. Only the names of the three candidates were read out in both Manda-rin and Cantonese, the local dialect. Applause rippled across the hall on cue.

"When Hong Kong people see this on television they think they are in Beijing." said a prodemocracy legislator, Yeung Sum. China's foreign minister

called the occasion an "ex-The selection of Mr Tung is likely to drain away the last of Britain's waning authority.

hilarating moment" symbolic of an "entirely new era". "You are writing the history

China will name a "provi-sional" legislature to replace Many people volced apathy Leader comment, page 8

photogra handshake in January. "If you want to call this de-

mocracy it is democracy with Chinese characteristics," said Martin Lee, the leader of Hong Kong's biggest politica group, the Democratic Party. 'Tve always called this the

C. H. Tung selection commit-tee. His victory is no surprise to anyone. We hope that he can prove himself to be better than the electoral system that produced him." He said Mr Tung should be given a "a

honeymoon on probation' Many prodemocracy activ-ists fear that Mr Tung, whose shipping empire was bailed out by Beijing in 1985, will not stand up to China to defend

the territory's freedoms. Supporters applaud his inti-macy with Beljing: "I am pro-China, he is pro-China. Hong Kong is part of China so why shouldn't we be pro-China," said David Chu, a fellow Shanghai-born businessman. Shanghai-born businessman. "Hong Kong and China don't have any inherent con-flict of interest. What is good for Hong Kong is good for China. What is good for China is good for Hong Kong." Henry Young, The general manager of Cathay Pacific, Hanry Young, who was and

Henry Young, who was and present at yesterday's gather-ing, dismissed complaints that the result was rigged: "It is like going to races. You have hot favourites and others who might win against the odds. There is nothing wrong with this. You only suspect rigging if the hot favourite does not win."

Ian Black adds: The Government said in a statement that the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary sent messages of congratulation to Mr Tung,

"for whom there is great respect". "British ministers have every confidence that he will be a worthy first chief executive."

an appeal court ks on Ms Albright point of its funds and how the US policy towards Israel and money is spent.

The blow comes just as the Arab press has launched a Arab press has launched a strident campaign against the new secretary of state, Made-leine Albright, as a frustrated Jewish old maid who was promised a husband by Presi-dent Clinton if she succeeds in tombing Boutance Sectors in toppling Boutros Boutros-

the Middle East peace process, which afflicts Israelis and Arabs alike. The new administration has said it will continue to support the peace process, but appears less ready to woo Syria than the departed Christopher. The Likud-led Israeli gov-

Tules on fundraising. These rules would oblige Aipac to reveal its fundraisthan the ing sources and to publish Warren full accounts of how those funds are spent. The case against Alpac was

American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (Alpac), is a

political action committee,

and required to abide by the Federal Election Commission

Ghali as secretary-general of the United Nations. Ms Albright — initially amused by Arab press por-

LEPROSY patients offer prayers for Mother Teresa at a home run by her Missionaries of Charity religious order in Titagarh, outside Calcutta.

Bolger sells policies to stay in power

dent grants will be at the same level as the dole. The in-

flation target is to be lifted by

over the next three years and | Peters said Mr Bolger was not **Giles Wilson in Weilington** the sacrifice of many of its election platform policies. The nationalist New Zea-land First party will also get THE FULL cost of the New Zealand National Party's

deal to stay in power has be-come clear: a £2.2 billion increase in public spending

fit for office. And when Mr Bolger sacked him from his cabinet in 1993 he said Mr Pe-ters was lazy, did not read his papers, and slept in meetings. The Labour leader Helen Clark, who would have be-come New Zealand's first woman prime minister if she had outnegotiated Mr Bolger in the two months of coalition rather than backing Labour. The coalition will lift the talks, said: "We have never sought power at any price, and that has distinguished us limit on compensation for Maori land claims, a move from the National Party." which Mr Peters believes will

She vowed to work to bring down the coalition, starting with a no-confidence motion help him sell the deal to his Maori supporters, who have traditionally voted Labour. tomorrow. The minimum wage will be raised by 10 per cent, and stu-

Mr Peters, who becomes deputy prime minister and treasurer in the new cabinet, was not offered such a senior position by Labour.

1 per cent. Many of Nation-al's market-driven health ser-A member of the pensioners' pressure group Greypower, which backed Mr Peters at the vice reforms are to be reversed, particularly its aim election, sain for hospitals to make a profit. It is an astonishing recon-cfliation between Mr Bolger and Mr Peters. In August, Mr look stupid." election, said: "We introduced him as one of the few honest politicians in New Zealand, and he has betrayed us. He made us

Unicef calls for quick end to dangerous child labour

Victoria Brittain

NICEF is calling for an immediate end to dangerous and exploitative child labour in a report issued on the organisation's 50th birthday. The United Nations Chil-

dren's Fund estimates there are 250,000 children working, many of them in the sex trade and in industrial jobs which threaten their lives. In Sivakasi in India, for instance, Unicef found a

ders and strong vapours in both the storeroom and the boiler room were obvious 250 children, mostly below 10, were working in a long hall filling in a slotted frame with sticks. Some were barely five years old." Intolerable forms of child labour are so grave an abuse of human rights that the

threat of it caused panic in world must come to regard them in the way it does slavthe clothes industry in Ban-gladesh and dozens of child workers were dismissed. The

matchstick-making factory: says. But, as it points out, children, mostly girls, were child labour of the most ex-"Dust from the chemical pow- ending all child labour will be traced and found to have ploitative kind have recently a long and complicated busimoved on to more dangerous and exploitative workshops, ness and some of the reme-dies proposed by Westerners or to have become prostitutes have been counter-produc-The report emphasizes that child labour is mainly a tive. The 1992 Harkin Bill in-troduced in the US Congress product of poverty and many aiming to prohibit the import of products made by children under 15 is a case in point. surveys have shown that children's work is often essential. to keeping the family just self-Although the bill never sufficient. But the report draws a reached the statute books, the

opened up in eastern Europe as living standards have plummeted, while in the United States, immigrant and ethnic minority children have been found working in fields wet with pesticides.

Unicer's priority is to press governments to provide free and compulsory education and to urge donors to tackle sharp distinction between dangerous work and more the economic pressures traditional labour, such as on

which have forced developing countries to cut education family farms. New areas of budgets.

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Out of school? Children of primary school age not attending school, %

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up to 40 per cent of the seats in Jim Bolger's cabinet as its reward for forming a coali-tion with the National Party - from which its Maori leader Winston Peters broke away three years ago -

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The young dissembler

Yet Mr Willetts will still not accept he was wrong

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selves few doubts yesterday. David Willetts had done the right thing, and departed. The revamped Privileges Committee had done the right thing, set aside base politicking, and reached lofty consensus. The verdict had been ferociously firm, but fair. Score one for the system. Let Westminster self-regulation flower unashamed. Let public trust blossom anew.

Well, up to a point, Lord Nolan. Too much euphoria spoils the broth. The committee in general, and the dogged Quentin Davies in particular, surpassed expectations. They conclude in terms that the Paymaster-General tossed them a load of old rope. ("Dissembling" is a nice fifteenth century word for it as in 'I have want of your dissembling, sirrah"). He thus "sub-stantially aggravated" the grievance. Mr Willetts, for all his vaunted cleverness, spun them a stupid yarn. He was wrong, as a Whip two years ago, to meddle with the Select Committee on Members' Interests. Neil Hamilton's frolics at the Paris Ritz were none of his business. But his own testimony made it much, much worse. In future - quite the most damning thing — the Commit-tee will want to hear similar evidence under oath.

All this is very good news (and possibly very discomforting news for Mr Andrew Mitchell, the Whip who was actually on the Members' Interests Committee and whose bizarre interventions are next in line for investigation). But no-one, least of all MPs themselves, should get carried away. Mr Willetts's memo is just the antipasto to a long, soiled menu. That scribbled note to the Chief Whip, clearly signalling efforts to to the occasion. There are, though pollute a serious inquiry, only came to rather too many occasions pending light because of The Guardian's discov- where exactly that resolution, and that ery demands in the (collapsed) Hamil- spotlight, will be needed.

WAS the parliamentary bottle half full, ton court case. The Whips Office saw or half empty? MPs, high on unadulter-ated self-congratulation, allowed them-try and fix anything. They doubtless thought it all fair game.

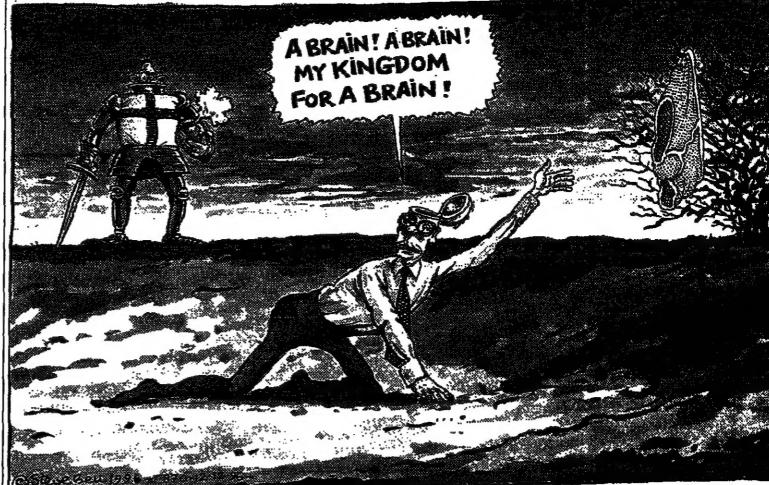
Yesterday's report merely talks of "impropriety" here. Sir Geoffrey John-son Smith, once the supreme arbiter of such propriety, escapes with a grey little wigging. He's forgetfully "some-what confused" over Willetts' advice that he use his committee's in-built Conservative majority — or the cloak of sub-judice — to bury Mr Hamilton's inconvenient behaviour. But that is, in fact, what happened. If Quentin Davies hadn't got the bit between his teeth. if David Willetts had contritely pleaded mere juvenile enthusiasm, there might have been scant ferocity on offer.

That is not reassuring. Nor, yester day, was much of the second phase comment. Mr Willetts did not resign, he claimed, because he had done anything wrong. To the contrary, he had told the "truth". The Committee might be righteous in its wrath over his dissembling, but it was - by inference - up a gumtree. Foolish defiance. Why quit at all in such circumstances? The Unpaidmaster-General would have us believe that he has withdrawn as a matter of political practicality and, pavilioned in comradely sympathy, will one day get his Daimler back. The aura of gameplaying lingers.

But these affairs - the boodle, the lobbying, the pollution of supposed justice - are not games played in some cosy, understanding club. As Nolan brusquely underlined, they define the health of our democracy in trust or cynicism. That is serious business. In the spotlight, the Committee has done well. One minister (Tony Newton) has damned another: a rising, of necessity,



The Europe debate showed the Tories at their worst



Letters to the Editor

The meaning of Lords, hear our prayers

SIMON Hoggart (The Week, December 7) asks why people wear Red Ribbons for World Aids Day. The reasons are as varied as the ribbons themselves. The red ribbon can represent the remem-brance of a lover, friend or family member lost to Aids. It can symbolise support for initiatives to prevent HIV infec-tion. Most of all, it can say to someone living with HIV or Aids that there is support and understanding for an illness that still engenders prejudice

Mr Hoggart also asks "and why only Aids?" in the mis-taken belief that Aids has a monopoly on awareness ribbons, when they have become popular for a variety of other issues including breast cancer (the pink ribbon) and the Irish peace process (white). He then states flatly that meningitis is far more worry-ing to parents than HIV. In our experience, any infectious life-threatening condition tends to be of importance to parents. The fact that there

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body they could be selected in the same way as juries from among the population as a whole. Not only would these people be amateur politicians and uninterested in patron-Flat 5.4, Clifford Court, 24/25 Kensington Gdns Square,

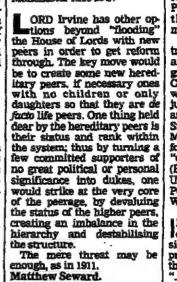
war rages on Somehow I doubt Lord Cranborne's altruism. Edward Richards.

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peers in order to get reform through. The key move would be to create some new hered-litary peers, if necessary ones with no children or only daughters so that they are de facto life peers. One thing held dear by the hereditary peers is their status and rank within the system; thus by turning a the system; thus by turning a few committed supporters of no great political or personal significance into dukes, one would strike at the very core of the peerage, by devaluing the status of the higher peers, creating an imbalance in the hierarchy and destabilising the structure. The mere threat may be

N explaining the withdrawal of 550 million from war pen-sionera, the Prime Minister proclaimed to the House that this could be justified because we always listen to the experts and act accordingly". This is an attempt to raise a smokescreen around the pro-

are clear ways to prevent HIV infection should come as a relief to parents and Mr Hog-gart alike. Seeing the red rib-bon on a lapel encourages



F THE Government had succeeded in quietly slipping through its changes to war pensions ('Shabby and meanminded'. December 6), It would not just have been the veterans who would have suffered. As the complaints started, the staff of the War Pensions Agency would be an

Pensions: the

the receiving end, not ministers. As the so-called "adminis-trative" changes took hold and the complaints clamour grew, it would probably be the Chief Executive of the WPA and Ros Hepplewhite (Child Support) have already done. Ministers would again dive for cover behind the shelter of

"operational" problems. (Prof) Colin Talbot. University of Glamorgan, Pontypridd Wales CF37 1DL.

him from his own party. Kenneth transaction costs, interest rates and -Clarke yesterday delivered a lucid and coherent defence of the Government's hard-won policy of wait-and-see over the single European currency. Politically, yesterday was a daunting occasion for the Chancellor. His speech opening the two-day debate on Europe went down like the proverbial lead balloon. He was hardly on his feet before the first of his backbench critics was trying to wound him. For the following three quarters of an hour there was little let-up. Sometimes these parliamentary occasions fail to fulfil all the advance build-up. This one, though, was the exception. There can rarely have been a more dramatic example in our political history of a chancellor of the exchequer at bay. Yet in these shoddy and remarkable times, none of it is likely to have any effect.

As an advertisement for the Conservative Party, it was appalling. Yet as an exposition of a logical and supportable position on the complex and hugely important question of the single currency, it was admirable. In practice, Mr Clarke speaks for the majority of MPs in Parliament. Not even the Liberal Democrats seriously argue any longer against Britain's single currency optout. Instead, most MPs accept the fundamental propositions which Mr Clarke laid before them yet again yesterday. First, he is right that a single is in all our interests that the finance currency is in principle a desirable ministers, Mr Clarke among them, get thing for Britain in Europe because of it right in Dublin tonight.

BRUSHING aside the pressures against lits effect on exchange rate instability this is a more recent discovery because of its disciplinary effect on the public finances of other European nations. Second, he is right that a single currency must work as well as possible, now living with HIV. whether or not Britain decides to join Derek BodelL it, because a European single currency will profoundly affect our economic and Mike Campling. monetary circumstances, whatever our

> 188-196 Old Street, London EC1V 9FR. that Britain must take an active and positive part in the negotiations which lead up to any decision because to do otherwise is to renounce control over Equal rites our own affairs.

relationship to it. And third, he is right

Ostensibly, this is why this week's Commons debate is taking place. Today in Dublin, the European finance ministers meet to try to reach agreement on part of the pre-single currency package. These ministers need to make sure that the so-called stability pact for nations joining the single currency is neither too loose nor too strict. It must not be too loose because such a pact would make a mockery of the need for genuine economic convergence of the nations entering it. But it must also not be too tight, because the idea of the Union imposing huge and unpayable fines on errant member states is equally unacceptable. Both errors would cause calamitous stresses and strains within dled thinking on this issue. He is right in saying that the the structures of the single currency. It He is right in saying that the use, and effectiveness, of quo-tas is exaggerated; and that society needs to change be-fore equality can become a reality. But he is wrong in dismissing quotas. Bringing more practical power to fe-male and black members of assist would in itself change

A Hong Kong honeymoon

But not everyone gives Mr Tung the benefit of the doubt

HONG KONG has acquired the Chief | as a positive model. Hong Kong civil Executive whom it expected rather servants suggest Mr Tung is a man of than deserved. Patriotic and wealthy, strong but supple, the shipping mag-nate Tung Chee-hwa fits Beijing's profile ideally for the post-handover job. He would not have been Hong Kong's choice, but someone else was choosing. Given the limitations, Mr Tung is still the most popular of the available candidates. He is, so to speak, the best Chief Executive that Hong Kong has got.

Yesterday almost everyone was looking on the bright side. British ministers had "every confidence" that he would be a worthy successor to Mr Patten. Of course they would - especially since Mr Patten picked Mr Tung back in 1992 to add a pro-China voice to his own Executive Council. Taiwan sent congratulations: Mr Tung has family con-nections there, and Talpel hopes that be (and Beijing) will understand the need for restraint if Hong Kong is to be seen

compromise. The first test will be whether he can work with Anson Chan, the current Chief Secretary, who has defended Mr Patten's political reforms. Even Martin Lee, leader of the Hong Kong democrats, has offered Mr Tung a "honeymoon on probation" and asked to meet him. Mr Tung's smartest move would be to respond positively. Both he and Beijing are committed to a "smooth transition", but that means living with the political ambiguities it requires. The burden for failure has shifted from British to Chinese shoulders.

Not everyone is giving Mr Tung the cial gain from this gift. The benefit of the doubt. The campaigning only charges should be those legislative councillor Emily Lau, who of collection, storage and handling. Selling blood will lay down in the street yesterday, says that Mr Tung will carry out Beijing's make pimps of the Transfu-sion Service and prostitute orders ruthlessly. Such protests are also an essential part of the pressure to ensure that he does not actually do so.

the donors. Drew Smith. 75 Camphell Road Oxford OX4 3PG.



high, and there is no point in recording them — just open any reputable learned jour-nal My list Sheri Turtletaub,

bank; I myself saw the last of these, with Pauifley, Satter-lee, Scothern and Trembath, Marcelline R Fusilier, Su zanne Pfromm-Tittman and J in newspaper articles on September 20 and 21,1994. Gotobed is a genuine sur-name, listed in surname dio-tionaries and to be found in Stockton on Tees TS16 0BX.

Labour under heavy surveillance

amendment was defeated). T is somewhat disingenuous Perhaps Mr Straw can now ex-plain why, six months ago, a system of ministerial authori-sation, which at least provides an element of independent of Jack Straw (Letters, November 30) to cite what the Labour Party said during the passage of last session's Secu-rity Service Bill to support the party's stance on the inscrutiny prior to the authori-sation of intrusive operations, trusive surveillance provi-sions in the current Police was thought to offer inade Bill, when one considers the line the Labour Party took quate protection of liberty, yet now a system whereby the police authorise their own break-ins is acceptable. last time round. The Security Service Bill

Alan Wilkinson. 28 Aldred Road, London NW64RN. GERALD Kaufman (Let-ters, December 11) de-

a warrant signed by a Secre-tary of State. At Report Stage in the House of Lords (June 27 fends his appeal for loyalty to the Labour Party leadership 1996, Hansard col 1,039), Lord McIntosh, the Labour frontby denouncing Tribune as "unreadable and trelevant". bench spokesman, moved an amendment which would have Recent contributors have included Gordon Brown, Robin required such warrants to be Cook, Jack Straw, David authorised by a high-court judge. Lord McIntosh argued that operations as intrusive as these should be judicially David Ross.

liferation of ageist policies on the political agenda. During the past few weeks the Gov-ernment has openly opposed It's academic the inclusion of age discrimi-O MONEY has been nation among the topics to be Nremoved from the Royal discussed at the European Academy pension scheme Inter-Governmental Confer-(Academy gripped by £3m debt crisis, December 7). As a ence. It has done this against a background of growing en-

lightenment on the subject throughout Europe. Don W Steele. Executive Director. Association of Retired Persons Greencoat House Francis Street. London SW1P 1DZ.

MY FATHER joined the Ar-gylls in 1915 and was invalided out in May 1916 to Dover Hospital. He was very ill his lungs were damage possibly by gas, and be had a head wound

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He went to the medical tri-bunal several times and finally he was defined as not bad enough for a war pension. The only way he could obtain relief from pain was to inhale the steam from a bowl of hot water with several large opium poppies floating in it. He died in 1932 as a result of his war wounds, still unable to obtain any war relief.

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A Country Diary

over recent years. David Gordon.

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Secretary, Royal Academy of Arts,

WEARDALE: It was a case | where the main branches that had puzzled me for met the trunk, the killer revealed itself - Formes fo-mentarius, the hoof tungus that had puzzled me lor years. An ordinary river-bank woodland, with a mix-ture of birch, alder, sycamore and old poplars — and somewith a mature fruiting body that was the size and shape of thing had it in for the pop-lars. There were four down already, each with their a horse's hoof, complete with horny outer covering. Fomes had been digesting the trunk beartwood for years, until it trunks snapped about five feet above soil level The lost the struggle to support corpses were too far gone to be able to identify cause of the swaying crown. A graveyard of poplars, a bonanza for death, half-submerged in al-luvial soil, leaf mould and woodpeckers hunting for over-wintering invertebrates under flaking bark and velvety moss. Scales of bis-cult-coloured *Stereum fungus* lined their shaded under-surspongy, deliquescent wood softened by successive waves faces, but this is a scavenger of fungal opportunists. Every of dead wood, not a major fallen tree was pitted with killer of live trees. No, there excavations. The latest vichad to be something deadlier at work. Then came the recent gales. Another poplar tim had a pool of fresh yellow wood chippings below a beak wound in the bark. A famdown. The same modus ope-randi; trunk snapped like a lliar call made me glance up, twig. Amongst the broken branches a clammy dome had just in time to catch sight of a flash of scarlet and black erupted through the bark. against the clear blue winter Further down there were more, each larger and tougher than the last. Then, sky. The chief beneficiary of this windfall was waiting for me to get out of the way. PHIL GATES

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Blunkett, Margaret Beckett, Alastair Campbell and Tony Blair. That's loyalty for you.

authorised, and forced the 55 Ruskin Park House, matter to a vote (where the London SE5 STQ. .

Blood money

society would in itself change that society. Let's follow the Labour Par-

ty's example: introduce quo-

tas for women - and refuse to allow men to frustrate their

operation. Then let's do the same for black people.

Susan Gibb.

Tiverton Devon EX16 GAL.

94 Bampton Street,

As A blood donor, I do not agree with your corre-spondent (December 10) who (now Act) gave the Security Service power to enter and in-terfere with property in seri-ous crime cases. Before doing suggested that charges for the supply of blood to private hosso the Security Service needs nitals be increased by a factor of five. I have been credited with 199 platelet donations, no one should make a finan-



CHRISTMAS card arrives from Harold Brooks-Baker, publisher of Burke's Peerage. Perhaps because the book is not actually published, Har-old has turned his skills to flogging a series of genea-logical books tailored for people with a particular surname — an enterprise that came to our attention when this world expert on titles wrote to one potential client a Liberal life peer, addressing him as Mr Tordoff. It is suring, then, to note from the card that he has recovered his old accuracy. "To Martin Norman," says the inscription, "from Har-old Brooks-Baker." He got his own name right, and one out of two isn't bad. Happy Christian Warder Christmas, HaroldI

N shock zoological news from California, a herpe-tologist has been called in to tape the voice of Henry Kissinger after the former US Secretary of State made a group of female frogs go berserk at a country club. After analysing the tape, reports the Fortean Times, the ex-pert concluded that his voice is identical to the sound of a male frog in heat. The girl frogs are forious with Dr Kissinger for getting them excited on false pretences but relieved at the same time that he didn't have them

O those who criticise my friend Jack Cunningham for alleged in-

Where there is secrecy there will always be leaks

Commentary

The Guardian Thursday December 12 1996

Diary

Matthew Norman

HILE many of his coileagues find themselves caught

up in the ideological struggle over Europe, that old brain-

box Harry Greenway, Tory MP for Ealing, refuses to be sidetracked by trivia. Harry is no stranger to tackling major issues, and once laid

an Early Day Motion con-gratulating the Queen Mother on her birthday.

However, in what experts

contribution since calling for a legal definition of the

view as his most significant

horse in 1981, he has turned

his mind to Christmas trees. Harry has challenged a

Tesco store in Perivale, west

London, over its failure to erect a giant tree. Refusing

to accept the explanation

that the firm cannot spare the requisite £5,000, Harry

ominously tells the Green-ford Gazetteer that be is

"prepared to go right to the top" over this. So soon after

Sir John Gorst withdrew co-

operation over a hospital emergency unit, the implica-tion is clear. John Major

says he will not be held to

ransom. Perhaps we are

about to find out.

Richard Norton-Taylor

...................... T WAS a classic Heseltine performance. Questioned by MPs about allegations that he had asked civil servants to promote Tory pol-icies, in breach of the code of conduct for ministers, he tried to turn the tables. He blamed the recent spate of Whitehall leaks — including the allegations about his own behaviour - on a network of politically motivated civil ser-

vants working for Labour. It was a cavalier perfor-mance. Flanked by increas-ingly stony-faced civil sar-vants, he told the Commons Public Service Committee on Tuesday night that, to prove it, he had a "folder of the leaks". He had been loking through it that very morning though when Giles Radics, the committee chairman, asked to see it, it could not be found. The folder, which has

largely of press cuttings, in-cluding reports of a leaked Commons committee, down-Treasury paper on possible ways to cut the cost of the stairs, on the floor of the Commons, Nicholas Soames, the

welfare state and the Guard-ian's recent exclusive about hidden Treasury plans to cut war pensions in — to use the word of the day (see page 1) an artful place of dissembling. The Treasury paper on long-term welfare costs had long-term wentere costs had been drawn up by a unit in-cluding an official who had sought selection as a Labour candidate at Barnsley, but later withdrew. Ms Goodman was cleared of being the source of the leak. Heseltine provided no evi-dence that nevent leaks wars tempted to leak; most, as Sir Richard Scott's arms-to-Iraq inquiry so amply demon-strated, prefer the quiet life to cover up, to hide behind the wall of official secrecy. For ministers and officials alike the biggest sin is to be dence that recent leaks were motivated by Labour support motivated by Labour support-ers in the Civil Service. In-steed, with no hint of irony, he said a "leak culture" was becoming "endemic" and threatened, to politicise the Leaks are largely the result of excessive secrecy, of minis-ters, with the connivance of senior officials, misleading

senior ornchais, mislearing Parliament. Are we not living in a mature enough democ-racy for policy options to be discussed openly, to be con-sidered rationally by MPs? "If government insists in secrecy Civil Service, a charge usu-ally laid at the door of govern-ment ministers. If ministers no longer trusted civil serno longer trusted civil ser-vants, he said, ministers would stop writing letters. And what about different pol-icy options presented on paper to ministers? "Very few decisions that come to us are for the inner workings of the government machine," asked Scott, "is it in a position to be surprised if criticism is ill-informed?" As Heseltine was getting into his stride before the Pubeasy," he said. They often in-volved different degrees of misery, and the "the most

yet to be passed to the com- | awind", as he put it, was | lic Service Committee, down mittee, is believed to consist | leaked. | below Soames was giving way below Soames was giving way to a debate on "open govern-meni". James Pawsey, a Tory While Heseltine berated the backbencher, said it was time Britain joined other

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armed forces minister, was announcing a Ministry of De-fence investigation into why countries, including me of the Commonwealth, and introduced a Freedom of Inforcivil servants and "military officials" had repeatedly sup-plied ministers with "flawed" mation Act. "I am a convert because I want to see additional power placed in the hands of the ordinary citi-zen," he said. "Freedom of Ininformation about the use of pesticides, a possible cause of Gulf-war syndrome. A hand-ful of civil servants may be formation results in better in-

Heseltine seems to want government to be run like a business: UK plc. It would be so much easier

formed public debate," and gave "less opportunity for mistakes to be swept under mistakes to be swept under ministerial carpets or under departmental carpets". Policy deciaions would be better for having had a full and open debate, echoed the Tory MP, Richard Shepherd, citing as an example the sale of Ministry of Defence hous-ing. "These are public mat-

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pledge to introduce a Free-dom of Information Act as a matter of priority?

tee referred to the "parapher-nalia of so-called public accountability", a Freedom of Information Act is anathema. t would mean that ministers would never write anything down on paper but, instead, would "whisper in the corridors".

Heseltine seems to want government to be run like a great private business: UK plc. It would be so much easput it would be so much easy ter. The basis of public ac-countability, he said earlier this year, was that "when something goes wrong there has to be all the evidence pro-vided because it is in the pub-lic coder, but if it sums in the lic sector, but if it were in the private sector it would not be

As well as leakers, his tar-get on Tuesday was anyone who made the business of who make the bushless of government more difficult, and articulate lobby groups in particular. No one, he im-plied, with the exception of suitably deferential and poorly-briefed MPs, should

question ministers. The Labour frontbench, not In government, they would abbor them, as they would abbor them, as they would abirritating pressure groups take before a Blair govern-ment would regret Labour's

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 ters," he said. "What is for sale and the conditions at tached to it are a matter of public. knowledge. For how else can you assure people that you have done it in an open, above-board way and achieved the best possible

For Resaltine, who in ear-lier evidence to the commit-



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NE of the things which distinguishes us from the beasts is that when our personal interests are our personal interests are threatened we usually man-age to think up lofty moral arguments in their defence. Thus the Viscount Cranborne recently claimed that heredi-tary aristocrats are actually more democratic than elected politicians because their dis-interested amateur status protects them from the sordid pressures to which the profes-sionals are subjected.

But before you laugh (with various Guardian letter-writers) at such self-serving non-sense, consider another as-pect of the debate about our governance. Few arguments tative democracy than the endless dispute between supporters of proportional repre-sentation (PR) and defenders of first-past-the-post. It is pre-sented as a moral issue, with reformers talking about fair-ness, and their adversaries pleading the case for strong and effective government. Both arguments have substance, and are deployed with

sincerity. But one can't help noticing how often the political advantage of the partici-pants coincides with their case. They may not sound as dotty as Lord Cranborne, but their high-minded rhetoric is

inst as self-serving. Thus the Liberals, and their LibDem successors, have supported what they call "fair voting" (ie PR) ever since they ceased to have any hope of forming a government on their own. Equally, the Labour Party discovered overwhelming reasons for backing first-past-the-post once they displaced the Liberals as the main challenger to the Tories. And the Tories have so far stuck to the status quo in the confident belief that they are the natural party of govern-ment — a confidence cur-

threat of a split over Europe. Now that it's a real possibility that two Tory parties will deserted Labour for the SDP the Daily Express. instantly discovered hitherto unsuspected virtues in elec-

might never bring them a Commons majority again. Taking all this at face value, you might expect that PR would have lost its appeal for Labour MPs now that they are again riding high in the polls. And to a certain extent this is the case. Tony Blair still refuses to give PR his personal endorsement, and some LibDems now fear that in the end he won't even hon-our John Smith's pledge of a PR referendum. Though reform hasn't been dropped, it's on the back burner again. But self-interest isn't al-ways as crude as this. Some subtle Labour strategists now argue that, even if the party wins a resounding majority in May, a shift to PR may be wise if it seems to be the only way of preventing a Tory comeback at the election after next. So the pot, even if tem-

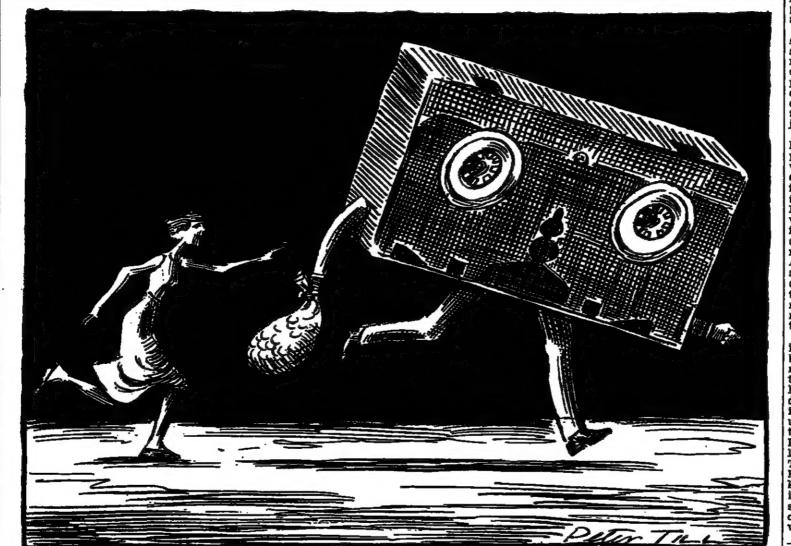
held that the existing system

porarily on the back burner, continues to simmer. Or did, that is to say, until yesterday's intervention by the New Zealanders, whose politicians have suddenly jolted our political establish-ment just as severely as their footballers joited our rugby establishment. You will remember - or perhaps you won't, since Kiwi politics doesn't get much coverage in Britain — that the New Zea-landers had an election two months ago. For the first time, it was held under PR, and the National Party government headed by the highly unpopular Jim Bolger was clearly defeated, even if it was harder to decide who won. Since then, New Zealand's

politicians have spent eight weeks in backroom wheelerdealing in order to come up with a coalition government which can command a major ity in parliament. And who is the head of this government? Why, Jim Bolger, the man the

New Zealand electorate thought they had thrown out of office. His deputy premier will be the leader of a minor party which fought him more ferociously than any other. If any voters get what they voted for, it will be pure coincidence. A system intended to end the cynicism about shabby politics has achieved the exact opposite — a betrayal. Back to the drawing board, lads.

rently undermined by the T was nice watching Channel 4's programme about Lord Beaverbrook last Sunday, although I was puzbe fighting each other, a zied by its "discovery" that he rethink of Conservative attitudes to FR seems quite bit was seeing all those fam-likely. After all, the MPs who lliar faces from my time on fliar faces from my time on One of them was Lady Jean Campbell, characteristically toral reform. Moreover, when jolly in a huge hat and flow-Labour shifted sharply to the ing scarf. She is Beaver-Labour shmed sharply to the left in the early 80s, several Tory grandees came out for PR as the only sure way to keep Tony Benn out of Down-ing Street. As for Labour it-self, some MPs began to see a self, some MPs began to see a his hands". The Beaver was case for electoral reform often compared to Beelzebub, when fashionable opinion but that's going it a bit.



evidence that no one works harder than the Labour heritage spokesman. Indeed. Jack has been telling people that, since the Millennium **Commission will have to** change its name after 1998 (if you see Olga Maitland wandering around looking puzzled, explain it to her, would you?), Labour has been thinking hard about what to call the body that will dole out the Lottery money. In the year 2000, the name will change to . . . wait for it, please . . . the "New Millennium Commission". It's so clever, it's almost frichtening.

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ODAY'S Christmas message comes from onetime Guardian ournalist Sir Bernard Ingham. "I am all in favour of spreading messages of goodwill, and I hope that people understand there is a season of good will all year round," says Bernie, ex-hausting his optimism. "Unfortunately I don't think that's the case so I don't that s the case so I con't really see anything chang-ing." Wow, However bleak the message, this is the first time Bernie has used his powers to inspect the fature for us. Buoyed by this, we ask him whether we may au-nounce his appointment as Diary Astrologer. Alas not. "Well if THAT'S the case," splutters Bernie, in his best amateur dramatic Ebeneczer Scrooge, "FORGET LLin.

NTICIPATION grows in the world of pub-lishing about one of the hottest titles on Penguin's list for early 1997. It is "Why Vote Conservative?" (£3.99) by David Willetts MP. "It will be coming out as planned," says a Penguin press officer. "We don't see any reason not to publish it." Indeed not.

GREAT NEWS! YOU WEREN'T DISSEMBLING. 5

Annual Austin '96 out now. £4.98 inc. p&p (Samara Publishing, Tresalth, Cardigan SA43 2JG, 01239 811 242)

Maureen Lipman thought Christmas had come: her agent told her she was eligible for back-pay for old TV plays now transferring to video. But then the plot thickened

TV drama shock horror

NLY 14 shopping lists to go to Christmas and, ho, ho, ho, yestar-day the Ghost of through my letter-box in the Christmas Past popped through my letter-box in the shape of a letter from my union, Equity. It was accom-panied by a bewildered and apologetic Roneo from my agent virtually saying: "We're sinking, take what valuables you can."

you can." Now, on the whole, actors are an omfortunate lot. Lot 13, if you like. "Daddy, when I'm grown up, I wanna be an ac-tor." quotes writer. Bernard Stade. "No, son," replied his father, "you can't be both." We remain 80 per cent out of work and, as television solin-

work and, as television splin-ters into smaller and smaller

employment units, and drama schools, drama degrees and media studies proliferate like cress on blotting paper, there is less balance in our lives than there is humility in

Chris Evans's. The way most actors subsidise three months at the Royal Exchange on £400 per week (to include subsistence) is via commercials and voice-overs if they're fortunate and ubiq-nitous, and through residuals if they're common or garden. Residuals are the percentage of your original fee you receive if the show you're in is repeated. For example, when I recently appeared in a repeat episode of The Lovers, first

screened in 1970, I received 1780 (less agent's commission of £78). Now, the letter from Equity informs me I am all set for a windfall. Before the ink is dry on Sir James Goldsmith's referendum, the European Court

this film," I shall write to the late Thames TV. "I also ping in the Garrick Club roast potatoes? A "practical" cake in Act II of Hay Fever at the require you to let me know, by return, if you have transferred the rental right in respect of Everyman? No, wait though, let's read the big print here in the form the film and, if so, to whom." So here I am writing to a value product by the breaking (which) to reprove the post. Before December 31, ion last January, but could claimant shall forfeit his other rights to any residuals. In other words, in between playing Dick Whittington's cat claims need to be made might rentals would be received — not so hack further than 1000.

sure me, assuredly, that Equity and the Personal Man-agers Association were cogni-sant of the legislation through-out their deliberations. I translated this to mean the defunct TV station aboot a film they may no longer own — and expecting them (whom?) to reply by return of personal Managers Associa-

at Mousehole, completing a not go back further than 1992; was set. I talked to my agent

If we got one sodding euro of it in the deadline provided, we'd go down on our laddered tights and recite haiku chants to St Maastricht. But he was not in the mood for my brand of irony

dinner speaking to several hundred Kenwood-miner service-men at Grosvenor House - your average luvvie, sorry Trev, has 21 days to locate, write to and receive confirmation of receipt of letter from the 200 or 300 different produc-ers who will have passed through his life in the previunrough his hie in the preve ous 30-odd years. All of whom may now be living out their days as hairstylists in Holly-wood, deck-quoits organisers on the QE2, or resting their inverselses in those great innersoles in those great Hollywood Boulevard foot-

Christmas effing Special with | but Equity does not seem able | who assured me that, yes, they Jim Davidson at YTV, or after- | to verify this. | were aware of the deadline but were aware of the deadline but Now, accuse me if you will never for a moment assumed

for delaying the progress of this Bill to the point where it is impossible for the claimof being a conspiracy theorist, but if the deadline was set two years ago, why did the debate only take place this July, and extended deadline of several ants to meet the deadline set by the European Parliament We'd need Legal Aid, Neil Kinwhy was the motion instantly fiscal years. withdrawn? Legislation was "Let's face it," I intimated to nock, Helena Kennedy, John Mortimer and probably John finally passed in its present, Mr Taylor MP's PS, "what you mworkshie form, on Decem-ber 1, and Equity dispatched its recommendations to agents bound to do as a member of Thaw to add conviction to conviction. Any interested TV companies for the TV serialisation rights apply directly to non December 9. On December 10. most self-respecting agents would be pinning their Light Entertainment invitations to the wall; on this day, however, the subscript of the law to be the

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10 OBITUARIES

Willie Rushton

An original eye for wit

LLE Rushton, | war Britain. He was never one | who has died aged 59 after complications arising from heart surgery, looked the very picture of an easygoing bon viveur. He had a well-marinated voice and a taste for loud checks to go with his fig-ure. But he was never so un-complicated. Among his many gifts was an extremely sharp wit which became all the more devastating when something annoyed him. He had the con-victions of a satirist although he never made a point of pa-rading them, and an acute eye for the ridiculous which was as easily applied to his acting and cartoon work as to the rapid fire of I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, the BBC radio programme he contributed to for 20 years.

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William George Rushton was born the son of a pub-lisher. He was sent to Shrewsbury public school where he met and befriended Richard Ingrams, who was born the day after him. Also at Shrewsbury were the young Christo-pher Booker and Paul Foot. But it was Ingrams and Rushton who hit it off immediately and together they founded the Walloplan, a satirical version of the school magazine which

was adorned by Rushton's early drawings and was to be a precursor of Private Eye. bug's manner. Rushton ex-celled at impersonating a type on's other talents began to show at Shrewsbury, the first of which was acting. He and could instantly summon was, as Ingrams recalls, exthe voice of a blithering judicial figure soaked in whisky. tremely mature for his years and had no difficulty in playing the part of a middle-aged man in the play The Admirable Crichton

His was the last generation to do National Service which he regarded as a privilege be-

for respecting authority, but in the ordinary soldier, Rushhe could offer. Unlike Ingrams and Foot, he ton found a wit and resentnot formally, but he was up there often enough to see In-grams and to help with the magazine Parson's Pleasure, ment which he truly admired. His acting break came in Spike Milligan's The Bedsit-ting Room. Kenneth Tynan described his performance as brilliant, a remark which which was to be the immedi-ate forebear of Private Eye. They both drank copiously in Rushton hoped would be in-scribed on his gravestone. And so it should. Other parts followed in film, and TV, most those days and both subse-quently gave up the booze, Rushton because he developed diabetes in the early 1980s. He lost weight and found to his delight that a testotal life gave him a lot more time for drawnotably in That Was the Week That Was where the young Rushton performed a weekly impersonation of Harold Mac-

voice of

millan, which even his friends ing and commercial voiceovers. These made him a wealthy man. Some friends bewill admit was only a rough lieve he gave too much of him-self to quiz shows and commercials. But he could fill a programme with his warmth and humour.

It was the archetype of callous His greatest pleasure was drawing and in the early issues of Private Eye, founded Establishment authority that inspired the satire of so many of the comics and journalists by Ingrams, Booker and Rushwho loitered in the Soho of-fices of Private Eye. Rushton ton in 1961, it was Rushton's cartoons which supplied the magazine's distinctive look. was a lifelong Labour supcause the Army came to repre-sent to him all that was ab-struct and posturing about post-the party, but recognised that dental detail which made his generosity and his wit. As

collectors' items. He illus-trated many books, among never went to Oxford, at least them The Day of the Grocer, not formally, but he was up Willie Rushton's Greatest Moments in History and Pigstick-ing, a Joy for Life. Most of these he wrote himself, as fluently as he drew or spoke, but the most successful match of word and illustration came in the collaboration with Auberon Waugh, firstly at Pri-vate Eye and later at the Literary Review and the Daily Telegraph. They enjoyed each other's jokes so much that somehow Rushton's style came to represent Waugh's

He excelled at impersonating types not individuals and could instantly summon the Establishment authority

ton's extraordinary range of talents that so many in radio and newspapers, the theatre, death. It was so unexpected

humour was the best support | covers for the Literary Review | Paul Foot said: "I saw him just a few weeks ago at somebody's aving do and I was struck by how genuinely clever and funny he was. He really was clever. And I think we may have underestimated him." William Rushton leaves a wife. Arlene, who he married in 1968. They had three sons.

> John Weils writes: Willie Rushton joined us at Oxford at the weekends when he was a lawyer's clerk. He already looked like one of his own

Like his friend Peter Cook, who died last year, he had only to walk into the room for people to enjoy themselves. He was very funny but he was also generous with his own laughter and never felt the need to dominate a gathering. He always carried a shoulder bag stuffed with elegantly crafted drawings. To his col-leagues at Private Eye, he appeared big, smiling and acute. But he hated some aspects of their journalism particularly the gossip columnists who went to work for the Eye in the 1970s. He was intensely private himself and once said: "I don't think because I ap-pear on TV, it gives people the Europe after a drunken wedding in Bavaria in the mid-1960s where we found right to shout out to me in the street or pull me about in pub-lic." He felt for other peoples' ourselves climbing through a hedge in Liechtenstein. We walked for some way through privacies that had been in-vaded unless the target was a a park, then saw a drive that rejoined the main road. It was Conservative minister. flanked by two sentry boxes, and as we walked out, two It is a testament to Rush-

sentries in archducal uniforms saluted us. Life was infinitely more fun when he was there. publishing and particularly in Private Eye were shocked yesterday by the news of his early William George Rushton, actor,

author and cartoonist, born August 18, 1937; died December

Henry Porte drawings, flourishing a broken umbrella, and since then he had been so central a figure in everyone's life who worked with him that the loss is barely comprehensible. He had such an amount of sheer comic energy it was impossible to be with him without being charged up with optimism. He drew beautifully, he wrote wonderful lyrics, he sang charmingly and danced, often in the street, and the really remarkable thing about him was that he did it all the time, for complete strangers as much as for old friends. The happiest time I spent with him was wandering back through

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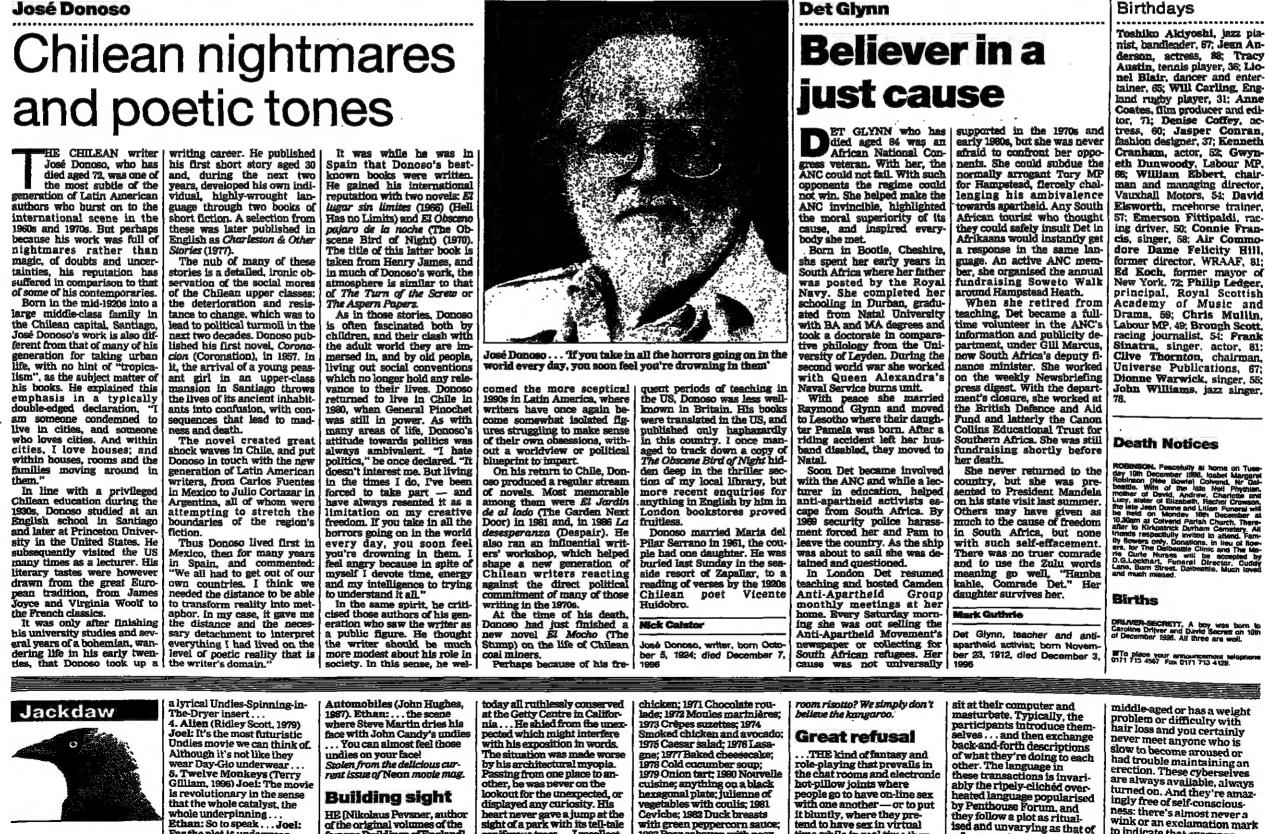
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In the arms of socialism . . Willie Rushton pictures himself as Cuba held by Fidel Castro

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Birthdays

Toshiko Akiyoshi, jazz pia-nist, bandleader, 67; Jean Apderson, actress, 88; Tracy Austin, tennis player, 36; Lio-nel Blair, dancer and entertainer, 65; Will Carling, England rugby player, 31; Anne Coates, film producer and edi-tor, 71; Denise Coffey, actress, 60; Jasper Conran, fashion designer, 37; Kenneth Cranham, actor, 52; Gwyneth Dunwoody, Labour MP. 66; William Ebbert, chair-man and managing director,

Hot favourites

THE Coen brothers pick 10 favourite underwear movies 1. Body Heat (Lawrence Kas-dan, 1981) Joel: It's part of the subgenre of what you might call Pantie Inserts. Also Kathleen Turner had a whole Underwear period which culminated in her doing Cat On A Hot Tin Roof on Broadway. Ethan: That's the Undies pinnacle for an actre 2. Dressed To Kill (Brian de Palma, 1980) Ethan: This not only has an Undies Insert, but a flashback to the Undies Insert, when Angie Dickenson is remembering her undies. 3. Tequila Sunrise (Robert Towne, 1968) Ethan: This has

Ethan: So to speak ... Joel: For the plot is underwear. 6. Barton Fink (Joel Coen, 1991) Ethan: Writers In Their Undies, and Period Undies, 7. L'Atalante (Jean Vigo, 1934) Joel: It's just Michel Simon sitting around in his harge, in his stained Union suit... And he may even have been in his undies in Boudu Saved From Drowning. 8. Dottle Gets Spanked (Todd Haynes, 1994) Joel: It's the only use of Undies Flash-

cuts we could think of. 9. Fargo (Joel Coen, 1996). Ethan: It's the only instance I can think of with quilted undies. Joel: Anytime you put a man in his underwear and give him an axe, it's frightening.

10. Planes, Trains and

HE (Nikolaus Pevsner, author of the original volumes of the famous Buildings of England] had a far too rigid and blinkered application. I recollect his pride recounting his daily journey from Goodge Street station to Hampstead that allowed him 15 minutes and so many seconds working on the clip-board on his knee. "Like a Prussian soldier," I said, making a mental comparison with the Long Range Desert Group triumphing over German or thodoxy. But then he would

never see the humour in this. Achieving the Buildings of ingland was rarely accompanied by a giggle NP's vision was rigidly Ger-

nanic and he conducted his travels by rote. What mattered was what was written on those maddening bits of paper,

heart never gave a jump at the sight of a park with its tell-tale coniferous trees. .. I recollect another birthday lunch, when NP was toasted as having come from Germany to show us how to write guides to our architecture. At the time I muttered under my breath "What bosh!" and I still think so. John Betjeman later agreed with me, in even more caustic and obscene terms. John Harris, who as a young man worked for the Pepsner. reveals all in Apollo.

Holy Orders

THE dishes smart diners had to have: 1965 Quiche Lorraine; 1966 Trout with almonds; 1967 Gaznacho: 1968 Crab meat flambé: 1969 Goat's cheese salad; 1970 Coronation

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with green peppercorn sauce; 1983 Pear sabayon with pear sorbet, 1984 Mango and lobster salad; 1985 Tandoori chicken: 1986 Three-chocolate bavarois; 1987 Tabbouleh; 1988 Noisettes of lamb with onion and mint sauce; 1989 Tarte an citron; 1990 Leek terrine with Stilton dressing; 1991 Monkfish salad with exotic chilli sauce; 1992 Toffee

pudding; 1998 Grilled polenta with prosciutio; 1994 Wild mushroom risotto; 1995 Spicy Thai fishcakes; 1996 Grilled kangaroo loin and battered potatoes; 1997 Lobster and lan-

oustine ravioli. Tatler's guide to the dishes smart diners had to have. Surely 1969 was very early for goat's cheese salad and 1994 ex-tremely late for wild mush-

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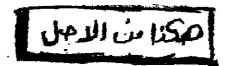
nair loss and you certainly never meet anyone who is slow to become aroused or had trouble maintaining an erection. These cyberselves are always available, always turned on. And they're amazingly free of self-consciousness: there's almost never a wink or an exclamation mark to indicate that everyone knows this is just a game The subtext — or antitext — of all these humid encounters is not bliss but its opposite: solitariness and frustration believe that we have embarked on a brand-new mode of being, one in which our minds are free to travel anywhere. And then I think, nah. Charles McGrath wants the adolescent Internet to tidy up its room and go for a walk, the New York Times Magazine.

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salesman whose life assarance em-pire collapsed in 1990, is being prosecuted for allegedly breaking a seven-year ban on his acting as a director, the Guardian has learner)

He is charged with being a "shadow director" wielding executive authority in a boxing-management company. Mr Levitt is accused of ef-

A company whose star property has been the world bantamweight champion, Alfred Kotey of Ghana.

His case will come before Marlborough Street magistrates on Monday. He faces a possible two-year jail term if found guilty.

The Department of Trade and Industry began proceed-ings against Mr Levitt on November 20.

He is charged with breaking Section 13 of the 1986 Company Directors Disqualification Act. Mr Justice Laws disquali-

fied Mr Levitt in November 1993 from acting as a director or being involved in the management of a company for a period of seven years.

The ban formed part of Mr Should the case be tried in a Levitt's sentence after he pleaded guilty to a charge of fraudulent trading. The main part of the sentence, a 180-hour community service order, was criticised in some magistrates' court and Mr Levitt be found guilty, he would face a maximum six months in prison or £5,000 quarters as being too lenient.

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The DTI alleges that Mr Levitt has broken the ban by being involved in running IBC. It has charged IBC direchad ever seen. His company, The Levitt Group, managed investments for perhaps 30 wealthy people, including film director Michael Winner tor Michael Jacobs, a boxing manager and taxi driver, with aiding and abetting Mr Levitt in breaking the ban. Three other directors and/ or officers of IBC, Mark Segal, Cecil Halpin and John Wiffen, have been charged with pro-

guilty to a single charge of fraudulant trading. On leaving court, Mr Levitt announced his intention of selling vacuum cleaners, al-though in the event he has acments regarding Mr Levitt's involvement under Section 447 of the Companies Act that tually followed the less prosaic path of his sports consultancy interests. Mr Levitt's Grade II-listed home in St John's Wood

fine. The crown court maxi-mum is two years' prison. An ardent sports fan and market for 2965,000,

expert in the commercial handling of sportsmen and their tim At one point he is thought to have owned nearly 1 per cent of Arsenal football club, and backed world heavyweight boxing champion Len-nox Lewis. For the prosecution to succeed, it will not be enough to prove Mr Levitt to have been in business or to show that he acted as a company agent. Only if the DTI can prove that he was a "shadow director" from whom other company of-ficers were accustomed to

naturally gregarious, he is an

receiving instructions will he be convicted. Mr Levitt has been openly notified to the British Boxing Board of Control as a consul-

tant, a post that does not Mr Levitt shot to fame as possibly the best salesman the life-assurance industry

and writer Frederick Forsyth. The firm went into admin-istration in 1990, and, three years later, Mr Levitt pleaded

Road, north London, is on the



Roger Levitt For its prosecution to succeed, the DIT will have to prove he was a "shadow director" regularly giving instructions to company officers, purposes and same dow director" regularly giving instructions to company officers PHOTOGRA HL BEAN SHAT

Notebook

Time for a retreat out of equities



The Board has been con-cerned for some time about an element of frothiness in the market place and broader economy, with shades of 1987 economy, will snakes of 1904 lingering in the background. If markets do not heed the central bank's warnings then it can begin the process of ad-It can begin the process or au-justing rates upwards. The election, however, is behind it and, by and large, the US public has shifted too

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Westminister the politics of

Commons, industry is much more concerned about

Europe's ability to foster con-

ditions which allow it to com-

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nations of the Far East. Trade ministers were force-

fully reminded of that fact

yesterday when 12 leading European industrialists and

trade unionists handed them a tough analysis of Europe's record in the Far East. Ac-

cording to the Competitive-

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Edited by Alex Brummer

much of its liquidity into mu-tual funds. As the funds and the public reassess the sense of being so dependent on the stock market, the Dow will continue to fall, with the rip-ples felt much more broadly. HIS is not a good mo ment for anyone even to be thinking about buying equities. Last week's big fails in Tokyo, London and New York were the warning siren, sounded by Alan Greenspan. **Thinking global**

that correction is on its way. Now it has begun as the drop in the FTSE (down 53.2) and the Dow Jones last night demthe euro are paramount. But, beyond the House of

Certainly, as far as the UK is concerned the situation could be worse. Although the Bank of England remains concerned about the buoyancy of some of the consumer indica-tors seen recently, the Governor, Eddle George, and the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarka, decided to keep their powder dry at the December monetary gathering, so there will be no immediate increase in interest rates.

If UK base rates are to rise above 6 per cent, as has been the consensus among analysts, that will wait now until well into January. The key is the data for domestic demand: a further tightening might be necessary if that remains strong. But for the moment the new levels for the pound affset the need for further pre-

emptive action. That ought to be fine for UK shares. However, broader factors are now working on the global stock markets. There

ness Advisory Group, set up by European Commission president Jacques Santer, the US and Japan are integrating more successfully into what is fast becoming a global economy. At a glance the picture is not too bleak. Europe's share of world exports fell over the past five years from 21.1 per cent to 19.4 per cent. The US share is also down. And Japan only held its share, al-beit in the face of the yen's

has been a great deal of post-electoral optimism in the US, appreciation. But the paucity of Europe's world ranking is laid bare in South-east Asia. The region ceeping shares strong, on the back of prospects for the global economy and Japanese with the fastest expanding recovery in particular. There is now some concern that the counted for just 11.9 per cent Japapese expansion is startof EU exports, against 14.4 per cent of US exports and ing to drift and that Tokyo investors are less than keen on financing the US trade gap, as 29.6 per cent of Japanese exporta, The advisory group, which includes BP chairman Sir David Simon, takes a side-David Simon, takes a sideit begins to swell on the eroded competitiveness of the One of the factors driving swipe at Europe's track rethe Dow downwards is the possibility that Abby Joseph cord in research and develop-ment, but the most striking criticism is aimed at industry Cohen, co-chair of Goldman Sachs' investment policy committee and the current fashionable Manhattan guru, is revising the firm's view on equities. Goldman Sachs' curitself. European direct invest-ment in South-east Asia is "all but negligible", the group says, yet companies must in-tegrate into the local econorently recommends a model mies if they are to be successportfolio of 60 per cent assets ful. That lesson has been learnt by the Europe's com-In shares, 25 per cent in bonds, 5 per cent in commod-fties and 10 per cent in cash. petitors. Germany's share of total foreign direct investment rose from 1.4 per cent to 3.6 per cent in the five years put up the best performances are much more heavily into to 1990, while the US doubled its share to 10.3 per cent. By equities, that appears rather a conservative formulation. 1994 Japan had 18.8 per cent. Aside from what the gurus The report looks beyond the parochial debate at Westminhave to say, there are other reasons to be cautious. The ster. Half of its authors clearly are convinced that a war of words over the US bud-get deficit, slashed during single currency should hap Clinton's first term, are pen. Maybe the failure to get a consensus led them to pro-duce the 27-page document without a single reference to returning with a Democratic White House and Republcian Congress battling over how to bring it to balance. Moreover, EMU. Or maybe they agree that the real issue facing inwhat cannot be forgotten is that the Federal Reserve does dustry is not European but global integration. not simply use verbal tricks to warn off the stock market.

Wall Street braces itself for a crash

Paul Murphy reports on turmoil in the world's stock markets

markets yesterday, reinforcing worries that stock markets in New York and

across Europe could be head-ing for a substantial fall. While markets in London and New York had appeared to have regained their poise in the wake of Friday's "mini crash," a series of rumours and comments yesterday com-

- nearly 2 per cent - in an-ticipation of a big sell-off on Wall Street. The main British index

closed at 3982.5, down 53.2 points, while in New York the Dow Jones Industrial plunged 120 points before a alight markets." rally

US investors remained nervously cautious as brokers told them to "sober up". Yesterday's panic was

sparked by comments in the Wall Street Journal, suggest-

FRESH bout of jitters ing that Japanese financial swept across the institutions were set to world's financial reduce their holdings of American assets - in particular, US treasury bonds.

This was followed by rumours that a Japanese bank was close to collapse, fu-George. elling concerns that Japanese investors would repatriate

Japanese money has helped. proved correct. fuel the strong US bond market over the past year, which in turn has helped push share and comments yesteruay come bined to wipe 73 points off the FT-SE 100 index at one stage FT-SE 100 index at one stage 'This is a big issue going

forward,"said Robert Hormats, a strategist at invest-ment bankers Goldman Suchi. "It could be the Achilles

heel of the bond and stock A strong inflation report for

November piled on the agony, while a damaging rumour cir-culated that IBM was about to issue a profits warning. The computer company was forced to issue a denial.

Nerves were also frayed by especially in the light of off-reports that Saudi Arabia had cial data on manufacturing Wickes in new forwarded evidence to the prices.

Americans suggesting that Gyrations in share prices the bombing of a US barracks in Saudi Arabia in the sumbegan last Friday, when the FT-SE 100 slumped 88 points after Alan Greenspan, chair-man of America's Federal Reserve, spoke of "irrational exubarance" among inves-tors, and hinted that US intermer was funded by Iran. The antics in the markets overshadowed the monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke and the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddle est rates might have to rise as

a result. Expectations that interest Most of the damage to share prices had been repaired be-fore yesterday's fresh setrates would be left on hold

There was no change to the 6 per cent base rate after the 50-minute meeting between the Bank and Treasury teams yesterday afternoon, when the authorities would have "Nerves are well and truly a-jangle," the head of trading at one London broking house

seen the latest official data on retail price inflation due to be published today. Although Mr George said last week in evidence on the state of the economy to the Treasury select committee the for an order to be official data on published today. The servet fun for the pecting a choppy Christmas." that he saw no need for a failed to match the pace set by "dramatic" rise he repeated the American markets, with his view that rates had to rise the Dow Jones up by almost sooner rather than later to 30 per cent this year, British keep price rises in check. Mr Clarke has argued that inflationary pressure is weak, crashed.

board shake-up ahead of rescue

rights issue

Roger Course ScanDAL-HIT building supplies group Wickes yesterday announced a fur-ther shake-out of its board ahead of the long-awaited announcement of a rescue rights issue, expected

today. The latest departure is Sanford Kaplan, a 79-yearold US associate of former chairman Henry Sweet-baum. He resigned with im-mediate effect yesterday. Wickes is expected to raise 250 million to repair its balance sheet following the discovery earlier this year of serious accounting irregularities which had overstated its profits for

tails of the profit overstate-ments, and of new com-tracts with suppliers. It will also reveal the true state of Wickes' current trading on the basis of the new contracts, which will US dollar. give an indication of the company's chances of retaining its independence. The suspension of Wickes' shares is expected to be lifted after the issue, but that could be the signal for a takeover bld from elsewhere in the DIY sector or from a foreign operator in British terms, where so looking to enter the UK many funds determined to market.

Mr Sweetbaum resigned in June when the profit mis-statement first emerged, while insisting he knew nothing of the irregu-larities. Two senior executives also resigned after being suspended in Jone. The Serious Fraud Office launched an inquiry into the affair last month, following a lengthy investigation by accountants and lawyers into the agreeseveral years. The rights issue docu-mentation will include de-being overstated.

Ronson hits comeback New anti-smoking drugs Life policies will aid fight to kick habit still mis-sold trail with £100m move

lan King

part in the Guinness affair, ties throughout Europe where vesterday took the first step towards his aim of rebuilding a property empire by an-nouncing a £100 million de-

velopment and investment. Heron International, the private company he heads, is to invest in four major city centre projects in London, Madrid and Barcelona. Mr Ronson built Heron into Brit-un's second biggest private company in the 70s and 80s before its equally spectacular decline.

The developments, which

and Tottenham Court Road in London and the famous Paseo de Gracia in Barcelona. Announcing the deal. Mr Ronson said the projects marked a big step forward in Heron's objective of becoming one of Europe's main prop-

An King erty groups, giving the com-pany prime quality space in three of Europe's leading cities. He added: "We continue to the stronghout Europe where the

From a situation where the we can capitalise on Heron In-ternational's significant ex-Ronson family once con-trolled Heron, Mr Ronson — who founded the company Heron, which includes

lionaire Craig McCaw among receive a substantial salary. its backers, is expected to an-nounce further significant merous trading interests --property deals over the next

including petrol stations, bouse building and car-deal-ing — and by the end of the few months. The company was among the bidders last year when Canary Wharf was anctioned off by its bankers, although it El billion. However, the company came

eventually lost out to Cana-dian Paul Reichmann, the close to collapse in the 90s after many of its activities were battered by the effects of and office accomodation, in-clude properties in the Strand and Tottenham Court Road in

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Scon have two more weapons in their armoury,

if the US government gives the go-ahead today. Two of the world's biggest drug companies, Heron, which includes with his father in 1985 — has Steven Green, the owner of with his father in 1985 — has Samsonite luggage, Rupert Samsonite luggage, Rupert Murdoch and US telecoms bil-dwindle to a mere 5 per cent, the advisory panel of the although he is still thought to US Food and Drug Adminis-teretical with the advisory panel of the although he is still thought to US Food and Drug Adminis-teretical with the advisory panel of the although he is still thought to US Food and Drug Adminis-teretical with the advisory panel of the Glaxo-Wellcome and Phartration will give approval At its peak, Heron had nufor their new anti-smoking products.

If nicotine patches, gum, acupuncture, hypnotism, ing — and by the end of the herbal cigarettes and cold 80s, was worth in excess of turkey fail, then Glaxo-Wellcome is offering a form

of the Wellbutrin SR tablet of the Weilburrin Sk tablet which is already in use in the US as an anti-depres-sant. The tablet, which will be offered on prescription and will be available in the US only to begin with, works by affecting the cen-tral nervous system, it are to inhale vaporised nico-tine that can satisfy their urge for a cigarette, but de-livers only one third of the it anount in a cigarette. US only to begin with, works by affecting the cen-tral nervous system, thereby reducing addiction



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The world's big drug com- stopped for good.

panies have been waking up to the lucrative possibilities offered by smokers desperate to quit. Smith-Kline Beecham, and Johnson & Johnson McNeil are just two of the companies already in the market, with nicotine patches and gum. The Nicotrol inhaler endowments sold by some companies are surrendered in recently won approval in Sweden for over-thethe first two years. counter sales, and Phar-maica says the product has For the first time, the Personal Investment Authority been selling well in Den-mark. The inhaler would be the third Nicotrol product disclosed the lapse records of individual insurance companies. The lapse rate -- a meaavailable in the US. Nicosure of how soon a policy is trol spray is already availcashed in after purchase -- is an important indication of whether customers were sold a suitable product. bought over the counter. About 13 million Britons Surrendering an endow-

smoke and 300,000 are bement within the first five advisers lapse within the lieved to be trying to quit at years usually brings heavy same period. any one time. Although the number of smokers has TOUR Aust

fallen the success rate of would-be quitters is still poor. It is estimated that while 700,000 people got into the spirit of no-smoking day. only 50,000

Richard Miles

penalties. Investors get back less money than they have paid into the policy because OO many investors are of hefty upfront charges. In being sold unsuitable some instances, insurance life insurance policies, a City watchdog warned yester-day as it published figures ing on surrender in the first year or two. Propping up the bottom of the PIA's table are the home showing one in four mortgage

service companies, which sell their policies through door-todoor salesmen. On average, one in four of their customers surrender a regular-premium endowment within two years

and so lose money. Worst offender is London & Manchester, 40 per cent of whose endowments are encashed by the second year. Only 10 per cent of policies sold by independent financial

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VW and General Motors step up war of words

Lopez indicted for industrial spying

Former star faces five-year stretch

lan Traynor in Bonn

HE charismatic for mer Volkswagen executive Jose Ignacio Lopez faces crimi-nal trial in Germany for industrial spying, it emerged yesterday.

The indictment by German prosecutors prompted VW, Europe's biggest car manufac-turer, and its arch-rival. Gen-eral Motors/Opel, to step up their war of words over per-sonal treachery and betrayal of commercial secrets.

State prosecutors in the German town of Darmstadt and Mr Lopez's lawyers confirmed that the controversial former VW purchasing direc-tor faced charges of betraying industrial secrets, which can carry a prison term of up to five years.

Opel said prosecutors in-dicted former VW manager Jose Manuel Gutierrez and two current managers at VW's Spanish SEAT subsidlary, Jorge Alvarez and Rosario Piazza

The three were members of Mr Lopez's purchasing de-partment, whom he called his co-warriors.

The indictments follow a three-and-a-half year investi-gation into the GM allegations that Mr Lopez and a team of lieutenants transferred thousands of papers and computer files to the German company when he was lured from GM to Volkswagen in 1993

The Darmstadt prosecutors are expected to announce the charges formally tomorrow. But Mr Lopez's lawyers, Jürgen Taschke and Eberhard Wahle, said in a statement they would seek to have the charges dismissed as they court sattlement would not stand up in court.

The announcement piles the pressure on Volkswagen and its embattled chief, Furdinand Piech, who could eventually face trial in America. Besides the criminal harges against Mr Lopez,

GM is suing Volkswagen in a civil case in the US under racketeering legislation and the US Justice Department is also investigating whether criminal charges should be brought. In an interview with the

In an interview with the German news magazine Stern, Mr Piech yesterday ruled out apologising to GM over the allegations and also came close to playing the national, patriotic card in the bitter dispute between top executives in Wolfsburg, VW's home, and Detroit.

In the event of GM succeeding in the civil suit and win-ning damages that could run into billions, Mr Piech said Germans could stop buying GM cars. GM's German subsidiary, Opel, runs VW a close second in the German car market.

Mr Piech is under pressure from the VW board to do a deal with GM and could be out of a job in March when his current contract expires, Stern said. There are also signs that

the dispute is becoming heavily politicised, with Guenther Rezrodt, the economics minister, wanting to raise the row at the World Trade Organisation meeting

in Singapore. The leading opposition polltician and prime minister of Lower Saxony, Gerhardt Schroeder, sits on VW's Supervisory board. There is also talk in Bonn that Chancellor Helmut Kohl

may raise the dispute with the White House. Mr Lopez quit as Volkswagen's purchasing and pro-duction director two weeks ago amid signs that both par-ties might reach an out-of-

HE ascetic 55-year-old Basque eschews red meat and alcohol, revolu-But the violence of the language on both sides yesterday suggested that hopes for a settlement ware fading fast. GM's conditions for a settlement were Mr Lopez's

riortua, the iconoclastic car industry executive at the cenremoval an apology from Mr Piech and the payment of an unspecified sum in damages.

Going their separate ways . . . Former colleagues Jose Ignacio Lopez (left) and VW chairman Ferdinand Plech

Warrior whose philosophy has come alive

IAN TRAYNOR looks at the

key man in the

Western world's motor industries

tionises global industries, attracts fierce loyalty and unremitting hostility — and could now end up behind bars. Jose Ignacio Lopez de Ar-

opened a new £163 million bus and lorry plant in Brazil which has Lopez stamped all tre of the escalating battle be-

tween Volkswagen and Gen- over it. After years of propa-eral Motors, creates waves gating and refining a busiwherever he moves, leaving ness philosophy that hives off more than just flotsam and production and assembly of jetsam in his wake.

vehicles to sub-contractors. A self-styled "warrior" who operates at the head of a small devoted team of Spaniards he halves production costs and reduces the flagship company to a brand name, quality contook with him from GM to VW in March 1993, he is troller and sales outfit, Mr Lopez is seeing his philosophy come to life in the Brazilian widely regarded as the most radical player in the Euro-

At the VW factory in Resende, sub-contractors and pean and US car industries. Paradoxically, perhaps, the aura of disgrace now hoversuppliers provide not only the vehicle components but en-tire "sub-assemblies", and ing around his controversial person has arisen at the moment of his greatest triumph. they also put the vehicles Last month Volkswagen

result, the Lopez clan en- thousands of papers he is al-thuse. Is high-productivity, leged to have taken with him low-cost, earnings-rich out-before shredding are said to put: the dream of every global manufacturer fulfilled. He is handsomely rewarded for his efforts. Until his sack-

ing two weeks ago, his remuneration was reckoned at £3.5 million a year. But it is the key elements of his strategy - delegation of production to sub-contractors, cost-cutting pressure on

components suppliers and the bold new plant — that are at the centre of the industrial spying charges. other VW executives.

together. Component prices are squeezed, VW's production role is minimised, and the brief period of will-be-won't-together the terms of the courts decide whether the warrior' waged one brief period of will-be-won't-the terms of battle too many.

have focused on GM's blueprint (Plateau 6) for a revolutionary plant producing a small car in his native Basque country and on GM's components-pricing strategy. Mr Lopez's lawyers yester-day effectively admitted that some of the papers related to a GM plant plan, but insisted

prosecuted for it was a "coarse, preliminary study" containing no trade secrets, was of little use to anyplus apology and one and was not passed to to apologise

Fast track

1941: Bom in Amorebieta near Bilbao. 1980: Joins General Motors España. 1986-1993: Head of purchasing at GM's German subsidiary Opel, then for GM Europe, then worldwide head. November 1992: Meets Ferdinand Piech, VW chairman.

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March 1993: Signs contract with VW as head of purchasing, is persuaded to stay as head of GM North America, then resigns and files to Germany to join VW with seven colleagues he calls his 'warnors'. April 1993: Opel starts legal action on grounds of industrial espionage after GM claims papers missing from Lopez's US office. July 1993: US prosecutors begin investigation. German prosecutors find boxes of GM papers in the offices of two other former Opel managers at VW. August 1996: Public prosecutors search homes of a dozen VW executives. March 1996: GM/Ope seeks damages against VW in US court for criminal conspiracy and breach of confidentiality. May 1996: WW issues defamation writ against GM/Opel. October 1995: Gema

court rejects VW counterclaim against GM. November 1996: US court says VW can be racketsering: GM/Opei demands Lopez's sacking damages. Lopez resigna December 1996: VW reappoints Lopez as a consultant; Piech refuses

News in brief

Early bird gathers the profits

Foreign Office targets sad TV addicts in charm offensive



Dan Atkinson

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Hoechst move fuels talk

GERMAN chemical company Hoechst yesterday spent FFr18 billion (£2.1 billion) buying out the 43 per cent minority shareholding in the French pharmaceutical company Roussel Uclaf, in a move which fuelled speculation that it is preparing to split its chemical and pharmaceutical operations along similar lines as ICI and Zeneca.

Hoechst said the buyout will allow it to operate an integrated drugs operation as a separate legal entity, known as Hoechst Marion Roussel after the 1995 acquisition of US group Marion Merrell Dow. Hoechst also paid \$34 million for the organic pigment business of the UK company Cookson. — Roger Coure

French lift for Wales

ALMOST 300 new jobs will be created in a work-starved Welsh town following a French motor component manufacturer's decl-sion to establish a factory to produce car seat frames. The £12 million investment at Tredegar by the Bertrand Faure Group will provide a significant boost to an area ravaged by the run down of the coal and steel industries. Male unemployment in the

region stands at 16 per cent. Faure currently supplies seats for Honda and Rover models from a plant in Oxfordshire. New business has meant bringing in additional seat frame capacity.

Meanwhile, Benteler, a German car parts firm, is investing £14 million in a new plant at Corby, Northants, creating 120 obs. - Geoffrey Gibbs

EU rules stir waters

ENFORCING stricter EU directives on the quality of bathing and drinking water could add £20 to the average annual household water bill, the National Customer Council of industry watchdog water bill, the National Customer Council of industry watchdog Ofwat (ONCC) warned yesterday as the European parliament debated proposed revisions to directives. The revisions would cut the amount of lead allowed in drinking water, requiring a 52 billion programme to replace all water companies' lead pipes in England and Wales and a further 55 billion to replace lead pipes In domestic properties. ONCC said changes to the bathing water directive to increase

monitoring for the presence of bacteria from human and animal faeces would cost another \$4.2 billion. — Celia Weston

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OUTLOOK/ Tour operator cuts Stock market value C907m out cheaples and

Share price 10 4p A7134p wins benefits. lan Sec. 8 . 1 . Workforce **King reports** Interest cover

BRITAIN'S boliday in-dustry has taken a fair buffeting over the last YEAR BANK B 18 months, with vicious competition in 1995 and a monop-olies inquiry this year. Pro-tax projet However, Airtours - Brit-

ain's second biggest tour op-erator — looks to have negotiated its way through the storms. David Crossland, the Profite (by division)

Scandingvia Ganada C.2.3m group's chairman and chief executive, was able to announce a 46 per cent surge in full-year pre-tax profits yes-terday, to £86.8 million, and C31.5m pledged that more was to The profits boost has come

rivals made last winter in the number of holidays available, and the price increases pushed through at the same

time. According to Mr Crossland, the days of buying a fort-night's package holiday in Majorca for £99 at the last minute are gone forever, and the massage now is "book advance, and bookings are currently ahead by 57 per the message now is "book early to avoid disappoint-

factor means the pricier holi-days have been selling best. Airtours customers certainly seem to have got the giving A message. In August the group margins. giving Airtours better profit

other question hanging over Airtours is whether it can Despite the fall in volumes the group's travel agency remain independent. Rum business, Going Places, manbles of a full bid have per-sisted for some time but. aged to hoist profits by nearly a quarter, helped by the intro-duction of a foreign currency sisted for some time but, when Miami-based Carnival service to almost every Corporation took a 29.6 per branch. cent stake in the group in April. Airtours effectively be-But it is Scandinavia, where Airtours has expanded came bid-proof as far as anyrapidly through acquisition one else is concerned.

over the last five years to Mr Crossland admits that grab a 50 per cent market share, that catches the eye. Carnival and Airtours are happy with the set-up, and that both are enjoying bene-The latest acquisition, Simon fits from the tie-up, but is rather more coy on the possi-Spies - Denmark's equiva-lent of Thomas Cook, bought by Airtours for £60 million in bility of a full takeover. Ignoring the Monopolies probe, which is unlikely to be

February — has proved suc-cessful and Scandinavia is completed for a year in any case, yesterday's figures from likely to prove a model for expansion elsewhere. Mr Crossland makes no Airtours show that its market secret of the fact that he would like to repeat the trick rating deserves to be under-pinned by more than just bid in Germany, although, with the peculiar network of crossspeculation. The upbeat prospects for

the group will become even more clear when its rival, First Choice, reports next country, getting an initial foothold could prove awkweek.

However, Airtours is not short of financial fire-power, and with a cash pile of £425 million, can easily splash out

bassies around the globe. The Foreign Office is hoping for transmission on local TV, and N A daring rescue mission is planning also to invite that will stand in the finest traditions of British enselected guests for special screenings.

deavour, our country yester Jeremy Hanley, Foreign day stood ready, willing and able to assist the 750 million Office minister, launched in Good Company with a confisaddest and loneliest people in the world. These are indident claim that the sight of UK Ltd in action on the small viduals, from Fiji to Florida, screen would "open up new markets". The trouble is that who will watch anything on even a series as non-investi-The Foreign Office yestergative as in Good Company aises awkward questions.

day launched a series of pro-grammes promoting British industry, featuring 50 compa-nies who "will be receiving television exposure in around Beefy industrial outfits are clearly the subjects of choice for the Foreign Office, but we soon run out of Glaxos and British Steels and are reduced 100 countries". Before humanity's insomto such manufacturing giants as the British Horseracing nlacs and social outcasts know what's hit them, they'll Board, accountants KPMG wonder how they ever manand Freshfields, the City solicitors.

aged without 30 minutes on the BOC Group, GKN and After that lot, it's a relief to encounter GEC Alsthom, rep-The 13 programmes are The 13 programmes are even now being loaded into planes for distribution to em-Pity it's half French.

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up to £250 million on acquisi-tions, assuming a similar amount is written off in good-will. Mr Crossland is also interested in buying another cruise operation, perhaps in the Mediterranean or the Ca-ribbean, and in extending the group's operations in Canada and the US. Apart from what it intends to do with its cash pile, the

When 'the deputy chairman is tied up' can mean just that

Underside

Dan Atkinson

EDIA colleagues were Mover keen in accepting Safeway's line on the ab-sence of deputy-chairman David Webster at last month's interim results presentation. The "domestic reasons" cited were inter-preted by in-the-know analysts as meaning that DW was recovering from a sav-age assault by masked ban-dits, in which he and his wife had been handcuffed and robbed. Safeway insist-

ed: "[We] don't know where these stories come from." Try Hemel Hempstead CID. which confirmed that such a raid had taken place, adding that the Websters (sorry,



anonymous victims) were shaken but unhurt.

LSEWHERE on the beat, no sign yet of That Budget Mole being dragged into a Black Maria. Come

November 26, you recail, Treasury security types hunted high and low for the traitor who had passed the Budget to Cap'n Bob's old bulletin board, the Mir-wor In want the Trans and drouwed in on MTM HO and can't etail the Trans and the Budget to Cap'n Bob's output the traitor who had passed the Budget to Cap'n Bob's output the traitor who had passed the Budget to Cap'n Bob's output the Trans and the Source the Trans and the Source the Trans and the Trans and the Source the Trans and the Sour steadfastness in evidence from the Tory Party, once so enddly with Lines. Mrs T dropped in on MTM HQ and ror. In went the T-men and came up with, er ... noththen party chairman Lord ing. No problem, because Tebbit gave Lines the CBI everyone else wanted to play, including MI "gissa **Business Enterprise award** at the Savoy in 1986. Line job" 5. A fortnight on, and the Great George Street line is that Molehunting is an enthusiastic Tory, put local MP Richard Holt on the payroll as a non-exec, now a police concern. Wise, given the zero chance of a result. unsurprising as his firm got such good service from the Government: 28.5 million in grants was promised.

Sir John Harvey-Jones Sisn't the only VIP con-

SAY what you like about Denis Thatcher, be don't nected with former MTM chemicals chief Richard Lines - awaiting sentence after conviction of fraudulently inflating MTM's

baving Indians as neigh-bours ... I'd never live next door to an Indian, can't stand the smell of their food,' he told me." Don't ever change.

TINALLY, MTM brings us back to the law, and hats off to the North Yorkshire force. The group's plants were on Teesside, but a quirk of geography placed its Hutton Rudby HQ five miles inside Yorkshire; bair-tearing time for a con-

stabulary of 13,000 men scattered across Heartbeat country, a force whose dissemble. No sir. Estate agents On The House pub-lish a newsletter feature big City scandal. The Seriworth — to have been a from Michael Desmond, i/c ous Fraud Office praised touch embarrassed by the Barratt's sales team in 1985 the force for doing "a mar-verdict. At least The when the Thatchers bought vellous job". Quite right.

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"Tve got a yard lined up at Sparsholt with 30 boxes and will apply again." A horsey background is not essential for training him. "He's won two races and success, as proved by Channon. The former England and Southampton soccer knocks spots off another of ours at home, but on the racecourse he tends to get | player has had winning | a tarrible tragedy, but it looks tired and then jump badly," | totals of over 70 in each of | as if some good will come out said Clarke. "It would be a | the last three Flat seasons. | of it."

with a rating of 60 or below

— jumping's bottom drawer — but only 14 would face

the chop under the new Jockey Club criteria, writes

Telf, a 16-year-old, has

claims to be Britain's

worst. His form figures are frightening — he has been

pulled-up, unseated his

rider or refused in his last five races — but his trainer, Peter Clarke, still rates

Chris Hawkins.

IDDING racing of bad horses and train-ers are priorities in a list of recommenda-tions by a Jockey Club com-ing the possibility of school-ing review over hundles was mittee set up to tighten stan-dards following the death of

be turfed out

The Guardian Thursday December 12 1996

of Richard Davis. Chris Hawkins reports

Telf one of 14 poor horses facing

HERE are currently 33 shame if he was banned." National Hunt horses A prospective trainer

the chop under new criteria

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and it is our duty to try and protect them and ensure all

ing the possibility of school-ing races over hurdles was discussed with the recom-mendation that two trials, Richard Davis at Southwell in one in the north and one in the south, should take place. Horses which demonstrably cannot jump and have fallen As well as horses, trainers will be monitored against a set minimum standard, al-though this will not be based in three consecutive races, or failed to complete in four successive outings, would not be allowed to run again until they had been independently assessed and schooled. If a horse then failed to get round again it could be hanned for the remainder of

Bad jumpers to

Jockey Club tighten standards after death | But in future, to ensure higher standards among the

on a number of winners. Wallace explained: "The minimum standard has not yet been set, but it will be concerned with the percentage of horses that do badly. In other words, four horses that per-sistently fall in a string of 100 is a lot different from four in a string of fire

An analysis of the statistics Indicates that during each season an average of 48 horses come into this "dan-"If a trainer fi "If a trainer falls below the gerous" category. Malcom Wallace, director line he would be asked how he intends to improve and further poor results could mean his licence being of Jockey Club regulations and a member of the commit-tee, stressed: "Most jockeys are prepared to ride anything

withdrawn." Contrary to popular beliaf it is not a formality to gain a licence and in the last two horse that gave Davis his fatal fail, would have slipped through the net, having man-licence and in the last two years 18 per cent of applicants years 18 per cent of applicants applicants for a permit last year over half were refused mainly on the grounds that they lacked sufficient experi-ence and gualifications.

recently rejected by the Jockey Club is Mick Quinn, the former Portsmouth,

Newcastle and Coventry

footballer. "They said I need another

six months' experience as

an assistant with Mick Channon, who I work for at the moment," said Quinn.

Jockeys also came under the microscope and, surpris-ingly, a licence for a condi-

tional rider is currently

granted purely on the say so WITH two winners at Leicester yesterday, Adrian Maguire was Stately Home and Jack Tanof the trainer. This may not be so in future and the recommendation is that there should be unable to match the fourindependent verification of a jockey's ability. Michael Caulfield, secre-

tary of the Jockeys' Associa-tion, is in full agreement and commented: "Riding racehorses at speed over obstacles takes a lot of skill and I am sure my members will be all in favour of tightening up li-censing conditions and all the other areas of what is a very hazardous sport. "Richard Davis's death was

deserves. season, with McCoy 62 win- ing suggests the going was ac- him."

ner can all be given sound chances. Jack Tanner (2.40) fin-from Micky Hammond and ished fourth to Urubande at | Tim Easterby, the two trainthe Cheltenham Festival last season and has already notched two facile wins this four-timer.

(1.00) to set the ball rolling for Maguire in the opening novice event.

ers who provided him with the middle legs of his 296-1

After his difficult time with injuries, Maguire is again rid-ing with a lot of his old confi-dence. His talents may have been overshadowed by the rapid rise to fame of Tony McCoy, but there is still time for Maguire to win the jump jockeys' title he so richly That looks out of reach this season, with McCov & 2 win-ing suggests the going was ac-him." at the same stage last year. | in June 1998."

Darryll Holland's four Ling-field winners, at accumula-tive odds of 5,615-1, gave the Derby in 18 months' time. jockey the ideal send-off to a Fears that the Maktoum holiday in Gran Canaria. family would bypass the year-"I will be back here on Deling stage and wait until they

camber 20 to ride on." said Holland, who was seen at his have a better idea of their classic strength have not been strongest when getting Greatrealised, with the Arab owners submitting up to 150 est home by a short head in the last race. Flat racing at the highest level received a welcome boost with the announcement

entries. They include 37 year-lings entered under the Godolphin banner. Sue Ellen, managing directhat yearling entries for the 1998 Vodafone Derby have topped a healthy 548, despite the introduction of a £75,000 late supplementary stage for the first time one week before

tor of United Racecourses, said: "We are delighted with the level of entries. It is extremely pleasing to see that so many owners have recognised the continuing value in entering at this stage and have therefore set us right on the race. Nominees for the Epsom Classic are just six fewer than course for a £1 million Derby



competence of stable staff. Toby Balding, a member of the National Trainers' Coun-"Anything that tightens up trainers' responsibilities is good." he said. "The require-ments placed on a licence

training ranks, applicants will have to attend a 15-day course dealing with all as-

pects of the job. And at the end they must pass an oral examination. "They will already have

had two years working as an assistant trainer," said Wal-lace. "Then the course will cover everything from nutri-tion to taxation and they will be interviewed to see how

holder are fair and valid. "I understand what they are saying about bad jumpers, but I've trained good horses who had their off spells. For instance, Salehurst won the

BMW Final and on his good days was very good, but he spent a lot of time on the floor." This is a comprehensive

Jockey Club review and the contentious subject of summer jumping was on the agenda. The conclusion is that it is here to stay, but that it should never take place on

ground worse than good to firm and that this proviso should be extended to cover meetings in August as well.

Ron Cox

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Soccer

Newcastle given new **French test**

Michael Walker

IVERPOOL to Norway, and Newcastle back to France. That was the outcome of yesterday's quarter-final draws in the Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup which left England's two remaining rep-resentatives cautiously confi-dent of their chances of progress against SK Brenn of Bergen and Monaco.

On paper Liverpool appear to have the easier task against opponents with the lowest profile of any team left in the competition. However, Norwegian sides are gaining Increasing respect around Europe and last week Rosen-borg eliminated AC Milan from the European Cup.

Although Norway's mid-season break will prevent Liverpool doing much homework on their opponents, who beat PSV Eindhoven 4-3 in the previous round, the mood on Merseyside was upbeat. Liverpool's manager Roy Evans was particularly relieved that Barcelona, Benfica, Fiorentina and Paris St Germain had all been avoided. "We're reasonably pleased with the draw," he said. "But there has been a big improvement in Scandi-

buoyant at the prospect of an-other trip to France so soon after the victory over Metz. Monaco are one of the top two sides in France. This is as They have good experience in Europe, some great players and beat Hamburg quite con-vincingly in the last round. We'll need to play better than at home to Metz and we know

they have subsequently strengthened the side and now have Scotland's John Collins in midfield.

Newcastle have the per-ceived added disadvantage of playing the first leg at home on March 4 — Liverpool visit Bergen two days later — and will be without Faustino Asprilla, who is suspended after being booked for over-cele-brating against Metz. One consolation is that

Newcastle have avoided the favourites Internazionale. who were given a compara-tively easy draw against Anderlecht.

UEFA CUP: duarter-disata Newcastfa v AS Monaco (Fr): Tanarte (Sp) v Brondby (Den): Schalke (Gar) v Valencia (Sp): Anderlecht (Bei) v Inter Millar (II). Ties to be played Tuesday. March 4 and March 18.

navian football over the last few years and we've always found them to be strong, fit and difficult to beat." Kevin Keegan was less

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we can do that. If we play the way we're capable of we can go all the way." Last season Monaco lost to Leeds 3-1 on aggregate but



above where we are at the moment.' said the manager, left, at the press conference with Belloffi yesterday PHOTOGRAPH ANOREW HASSO **True Gritt**

Yesterday this man signed up for the worst job in football

Steve Gritt is the new manager of the League's basement club Brighton, reports Paul Weaver

Wilkinson keeps **City waiting**

lan Ross

ANCHESTER CITY Inay have to wait shire club declined to discuss the situation. Reports in learn whether Howard Wil-respected Italian newspapers kinson is willing to become

their manager. Although Wilkinson has indicated he is interested in joining the struggling First Division club, he appears to be intent on spending a quiet Christmas with his family bechairman Robert Coar fore deciding his future.

refused to be drawn on the subject yesterday. Perhaps Francis Lee, the City chair-man, approached Wilkinson significantly, Eriksson was last month but the former similarly reticent even

Albion, exhumed a cadaverous smile and said: "Even Mission Impossible had a happy ending." Gritt has triumphed, if that is the word, from a list and look certain to be play-Svan Goran Eriksson was again linked with the Black burn Rovers managership yes-terday, although the Lancaof 50 applicants and from a shortlist which included respected Italian newspapers suggested that Eriksson had informed Sampdoria that he Glenn Roeder, the former Watford manager, and Dave Merrington, the for-mer Southampton boss who intended to go to Ewood Park was yesterday left fuming over his treatment by Brighton. early in the new year or next summer, succeeding Ray Harford.

football locker-rooms. The next season, having sold their Goldstone Ground, club are bottom of the Third Division, trailing and their chief executive David Bellotti, balding, be-spectacled and frail-look-ing, has been unable to atthose perennial duffers ing in the Vauxhall Confertend matches because of ence next season threats from supporters. Last month they were knocked out of the FA Cup And this a club — once managed by Brian Clough in the first round by Sud-bury, the little Suffolk side of the Dr Martens League, and last week they sacked - who were led to the top manager Jimmy Case. United by the Max

Stephen and Hove Brighton, home of the because of a pitch invasion. Brighton and Hove browsked more sniggers in They will be homeless between the sort of club he would invent, for they are as poor as Bob Cratchit and as sickly as Tiny Tim. But Gritt, who has been looking for a return to football since being sacked as Charlton's joint manager 18 months ago, after 18 years with that club, was happy to make himself heard above the whirring division by Alan Mullery and, in 1983, an FA Cup final against Manchester "I imagine it's as tough a cameras and shouts of "Bel-"I imagine it's as tough as Wall any job in football. I'm a

football person and I've probation officer who been desperate to get back: I've applied for a number of jobs. I'm sure some people saved Southampton from Premiership relegation last season, said Brighton had been "unprofessional" and added: "If that's the way will think I'm mad but it's a challenge and I'm always up for that. A lot's gone on and I've been reading the papers but it's the football side I'm interested in here. they go about their busi-ness I'm not surprised they are having problems dealing with people. "It's a situation I've faced before because I was a player when Chariton left

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The Valley in 1985 and a manager when they ample of Charlton they "I was asked by the chairwon't go far wrong. "Success for me will be one position above where we are at the moment; we

games to go and other clubs have come back from big-ger deficits than this. I'm desperate to have the sup-port of the fans." Gritt is expected to name an assistant soon

Merrington, a former

"I'm very annoyed, not because I haven't got the job, because it's up to them who they appoint. The whole situation has been

man Bill Archer to attend an interview with himself and Bellotti but the chairman wasn't even there. Th are not in the position of interview went very well having to leapfrog two or three clubs. We've got 24 sion I'd got the job."

In Brighton last nigh however, there was a feeling that Merrington's run of bad luck had ended with him not landing a job which might be described as the Gulag Archipelago of league management

Rugby Union

Wallaby coach | England A 20, South Africa A 35 gives Dwyer

Leeds United manager told him he would not consider moving in at Maine Road until he had received assurances about the club's financial situation.

Last week City's annual general meeting was told that a redistribution of shares would guarantee an immediate injection of about 29 mil-lion, which Lee hoped would be sufficient to persuade Wilkinson to accept the invita-tion to succeed Steve Coppell.

Wilkinson has been out of work since he was dismissed by Leeds in early September. Universidad Catolica.

Shearer in the running for **Fifa Player of the Year**

ALAN SHEARER, whose goals in Euro 98 led to his world-record £15 million transfer from Blackburn to Normal Lion 10-year deal with transfer from Blackburn to Newcastle last summer, is in Barcelona line to win Fifa's Player of the Year award.

Shearer, Barcelona's Brazilian Ronaldo and Milan's Libe-rian George Weah head the list of candidates after a record 120 national-team coaches voted for their top three players. The winner of world soc-

which Weah won last year, will be announced in Lisbon on January 20. Ronaldo, who plays for the

former England manager have pledged money to Clark Bobby Robson in Spain, is on if they are voted into power.

Sport in brief

Rowing Steve Redgrave MBE, holder and 15 Henley medals, has been elected a Steward of fection that causes a rash of Henley Royal Regatta, writes Christopher Dodd. This year's event made record profits, despite the poor weather in the first week of July. The fiveday regatta, with its record 547 crews, 114 from overseas, made a profit of £184,658. up 7.5 per cent from the previous

year. A £165,000 donation has been made to the Stewards' Charitable Trust, which will belp fund a full-time national coach for juniors.

Snooker

Ronnie O'Sullivan overcame Andy Hicks 5-1 in only 87 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the German Open at nounced the launch of his Osnabrück, writes Clive Everton. His opponent tomorrow "I am delighted that the PGA evening will be the world, UK and Masters champion is important to me that the Stephen Hendry. Steve Davis game is open to the public, in made a break of 121 in taking | particular to juniors."

Six weeks from though it is only a formight since he publicly insisted he would stay at Sampdoria to honour the remaining six months of his contract. drip to debut

Predictably the Blackburn

 Peter Reid's latest attempt to strengthen his Sunderland side collapsed last night when the £450,000 Israel international Ronen Harazi failed a David Plummer on a remarkable turnabout medical. The problem is be lieved to be a foot fracture suffered by the 36-year-old striker earlier in his career. Rangers have agreed a fee for the 32-year-old Wales lock Mark Rowley Six weeks ago Mark Row-ley was on a drip in a hospital bed. Playing for Wales was not foremost on there was such a furore in

Wales was not foremost on his mind. A cut on his leg had turned septic and, had the problem not been diagnosed when it was, not only his rugby career but his life would have been threatened. Now, at 32 the 6ft 6in Pont yprid second-row is three Rowley was among three Pontypridd players chosen, though the others, Neil Jen-kins and Dale McIntosh, are days away from his interna-tional debut. On Monday he was drafted into the Wales pack to face South Africa at

playing out of position. It is Meanwhile, Nottingham the National Stadium. Forest's manager Frank Clark may be about to receive "I was very fortunate," says overdue recognition for the most consistent Welsh club Rowley, who broke into the Wales squad nine years ago, when he was with Cardiff, only for a broken leg susthis decade. Yet Wales's decline in the financial backing he needs to try to resurrect the club's fortunes. recent years has seen count-The struggle between rival tained in a pre-season sevens tournament to fade him out of less players thrown into the international cauldron after consortiums led by the mil-lionaires Lawrie Lewis and Sandy Anderson to take charge at the City Ground is the picture, seemingly for good until Wales lost faith with the 6ft 10in Derwyn Jones for the third time in impressing on the club scene, only to find themselves flounonly to find themselves hour-dering. "I have been playing first-class rugby for 13 years," says Rowley. "It is not as if I have been selected on a whim. A couple of years ago I thought I was in with a strong chance of winning my cap; I was at the top of winning my cap; I to be resolved by a vote of shareholders at an extraordi-

less than two years. "If they had caught the problem even a day later I nary general meeting on De-cember 23. Both consortiums

was at the top of my game and people were mentioning my name. But nothing happened

and I thought that was it. 'I know I can do a job for Wales. South Africa are going to want a confrontation from illness. Not only was Jones the start. It is up to us to exposed by the Australians stand up and be counted. It's



Rowley . . . septic leg

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sharp piece

AUSTRALIA's coach Greg Smith labelled critics of his side's un-beaten European tour as "treacherous and traitor-ous" and singled out his predecessor Bob Dwyer for an extraordinary attack. Smith said Dwyer, now

all about putting yourself in the middle of things and not coach at Leicester, was criti-cal because he still wanted letting them get away with anything. "I think the biggest part of the national team job. But and causing the opposition problems. It will be a big boost to have Dale behind me Australia's performances on their 12-match tour of Italy, Britain and Ireland received a mixed press and Dwyer in the line-out, as he does for Pontypridd. He knows my game inside out." was among many commentators in comparing them unfavourably with 1984's

Rowley becomes the oldest second-row to make his debut all-conquering Wallables. "The thing is that he [Dwyer] is just so transparfor Wales since Phil May in the 1988 championship. "It is ent. He's completely committed to the negative." Smith seid, adding that his critics were "treacherous one thing to say that you are worth a chance on the inter-national stage, another to prove it," he says. "It is up to and traitorous people who basically have no regard for any sort of nationalistic feeling".

Rowley expects to mark Ko-bus Wiese, the first interna-tional player to be fined by his union — £9,000 for a punch that felled Jones and "All they care about are their own grotty little agen-das, and the sooner Anstra-lian rugby gets rid of them the better we will all be." Australia finished bottom was picked up on video. They met two years ago, when Pontypridd played the South Africans. "Wiese is a bit of a beast." says Rowley. "I sup-pose he has a bit of a presence about him but remutations are

of this year's southern hemi-sphere Tri-Nation series. Argentina have promoted Gonzalo Quesada to the key stand-off position for Saturabout him but reputations are built only to be destroyed." day's game against England

SUITA ATRECA (v Welse, December 15); A Joubert J Small, J Mulder, H Le Roux, J Oftwier, H Honibul, J van der Weshtatzer; D Theron, J Dalton, A Garvey, K Welse, M Andrøve, R Kruger, G Teichmann (capt), A Ventar, Replecementer K Fut, A Snyman, W Fyyle, F van Heerden, T van der Linde, H Trump. at Twickenham. ARGENTINA: É Jurado; G Cantardon, É Simone, L Arbizu (capit), D Albanese; G Dunadra, N Minandez R Gran, C Promanzo, M Reggiardo, P Sporfeder, G Llanes, R Martín, P Bouza, P Camertinaios,

Michael Prestage at Kingsholm NOTHER day, another

England A, and this time the weakest side of their three this week surrendered an 18-month unbeaten record. Both sides were at pains to

make clear that the A tag did not mean the teams were the next-best outside the full Test squads. England are using the week to blood a number of players, and the full Spring-

ing run which was stopped just short of the England line. Though England cleared the danger, a poor kick to touch by Catling gave a dangerous line-out to the visitors and,

from Opperman's clean catch, Krige was driven over. " Arige was driven over. England got back on terms with a try by Bromley but the visitors continued to look dangerous. Du Toit in partic-ular showed pace and power when he came into the line

when he came into the line and the South African cause was helped further by poor England defending, with tack-les routinely missed. On the half-hour Goosen profited

and, though his run was eventually stopped, Krige was on hand for his second try. Tempers flared and first Le

Krige punishes sloppy defence

> Roux, then Mayer received yellow cards for stamping. The victim on both occasions was Grewcock and the first in-cident sparked a flurry of fists.

March 18

A Koen penalty gave the visitors an 11-point lead at half-time and they came close to adding to their try tally afterwards. Joubert slipped a tackle and was clear with Du Toti in summer both has here are Toit in support but his pass to Goosen was judged forward. A Scholtz tackle on Johnson in the corner stopped a certain try but England's

week to blooh a number of players, and the full Spring-bok party, also on tour here, number 36. The South Africans made their presence felt in the opening minutes. Scholtz gave early notice of his threat with two dummies and a snip-ing rum which was stopped just short of the England line. utes and tries by Hendricks and Erasmus gave the visi-tors a flattering scoreline in the end.

SCORRESS: England As Tries. Bromley, Healey. Conversional Mapleloft 2. Penalties: Mapletoft 2. South Africa As Tries: Krige 2. Goosen, Hendricks, Erasmus Conversiones: Koen 2. Penalties: Koen 2.

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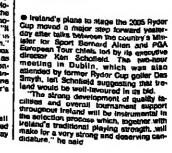
boils. Their Pilkington Cup Results fourth-round tie with Lydney on Saturday has been pos poned. "In all my years in the game I have never come Soccer across an incident like this," said their director of rugby Terry Burwell. Millar 63 Ireland 82 Golf Hearts (1) 1 Cameron 7 11.477 A PGA national golf week will be held next April (21-27) to Hotherwell (0) 0 4,040 boost the game's popularity in Britain. After the boom of First Division the 1980s the past five years have seen a fall in the numbers of people playing or Airdrie (2) 3 Davies 8 McPhee 44 Sweensy 69 own junior competition, said: "I am delighted that the PGA

Rugby Union

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entry 0. Leicester 2: Huddensfield 0, Mid-diesbrough 0; West Brom 0, Blackpool 0. Second Divisions Gurnley 2, Wrecham 2; Hull 1, York 0: Rotherham 2, Man C 1. Pestpessed: Stockport v Caritels, Tahrd Divisions Chester 1, Lincoln 2: Wigas 3, Scarboccugh 0, AVON INSURANCE CONSINATION: **First Divisions:** Cherton 1, Crystal Palace 1: Portsmouth 2, Ipswich 7: Tottenham 2, Swanese 6; West Ham 3, Bournemouth 2; Wimbledon 1, Brighton 1, Generative Callo: Second round, second legs Inter Cable-Tel 3, Carmar-then Ta 0 (agg: 3-1); Ton Pearse 3, Briton Ferry 1 (agg: 8-5); Pestgered; Ebbw Vale v Barry Ta. **BISTNI LEAOUE** First Division Carrick 1, Beilymens 2; Dibiliery 0, Belyctare 3, Britshi LEAOUE First Division Carrick 1, Bellymens 2; Dibiliery 0, Belyctare 3, PEBAs Toronto 81, Golden Stats 101; Ai lants 59, Denver 82; Gleveland 74, Miam. 72; New York 55, Washington 73; Minne-sota 94, Houston 96; Milwaukee 65, Detroit 55; Phoenix 50, San Antonio 76; Ulain 110, Indiana 63; Portland 30, Orbanico 85; LA Clippers 95, Deljas 100; Secramento 90. LA Jakee 55 Ice Hockey Hockey suspended withous pay far two games — a matter of \$104,878 (\$555,000) for swearing on US tolevision. Rodman used "loui and abushe longuage" during a lelevision in terview immediately offer his toum's de-least by the Toronto Raptors on Sunday "Donnis has caused ombur assument in OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNA. MENTI Group As Netherlands v Grae Britain (7.30, Hoerenveen) CHAMPIONS TROPHY (Medres): Round-robbs india 3, Australia 1. Ice Hockey R LEADITE SH "Donkis has caused orbaring meaning and the the chicago Bulks by autoicology oung caliform and toyal tors to his protein groung caliform and toyal tors to his proteine gen-burst. This cannot and will not be bier-sted," solid a club spokesman. Jerry krause. He added that the team would donate Rodman's ithu to charty "so held some good may come out or this stua-tion." Let's souson Rodman was sus-pended by the NBA for sit gumes after the head-butted an official during a game. LA Lakers 92. HHL: Detroit D, Edmonton () (etc); NV Island ers 6, Phoenix 2; Philadelphia 5, Florida 4 Taronto 2, New Jarasy 5; Calgary 6, Ot tawa 5 (ot); Los Angeles 3, Pitzburgh 5, Boxing • Lennox Lewis's manager Frank Ma-loney yealerday applauded Emanuel Stev-and's decision to relect a cosching job with Mike Tyson and remain with Lowis. Stev-ard, kounded of the celebrated Kronk gym-nesium in Dotroit, was approached by Ty-nesium in Dotroit, was approached by Ty-ment and wants to remain with him. "It does to prove Lewis has the boast trainer in the world because Tyson want stor him." sold Maloney. "And It proves that Lonnox is the boat heavyweight in the world as Emanuel docided to say with him. If Leen-nox and Tyson ware ever to meet, Eman-uel has predicted there would be only one winner, and he wants to be in the winner's corner." Propressional Bill (Elephan and Castle): Southern Area Middlewreight Tillie Howard Eastanse (Batersea) bt Sven Hamer (Baslegstoke) rst 10. Fasth-erweight: Pat Mutlings (Harrow) bt Phil Lashley (Birninghem) rst 3. Light-samy-weight: Crowford Ashley (Looda) bt Tony Boath (Hull) rst 1. Snooker GERMAN OPEN (Canabruck): 101b reund: N Bond (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-3; R O'Sullives (Eng) bt A Hicks (Eng) 5-1; Davis (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng) 5-1. Sellymena 2; Obsillery 0, Bellyclere 3. KASSAN TROPHY: Cz Rep 2, Nigeria 1. Cricket THRED TEST: Kenper: India 237 and 400-7 dec (M Azharuddin 163ne). South Africa 777 and 127-5 (H Cronia 50). TOUR MATCH: England A 20, South Af Fixtures TOUR MATCHE Enginee of an rice A 35, CLUB MATCHES: Cheltenham 45, RAF 12. Cancelled: Reading v kigh Wycombe. FOUR COUNTIES CHARPHORESHE? GIT Birningham 21, Wordssterfiersteard 30. Poergoned Derbyskike v Stropahire. COUNTY CHAMPIONISHEP, Norlok 52, Cambridgeshire 3; Sutjoik 17, Essex 14. ************************* Chess 12. Concented: Reading v High Wycombe. FOURT COUNTES CHAMPSONSHIP OF Burningham 21, Wordsterf-Horder 20 Postponed: Derbyskie v Stropshire. COUNTY CHAMPFORSHIP, Korfek 52, Cambridgeshire 3: Sufjolk 17, Easex 14. Basketbali MENS ERFOLACU'E Group C Panetit-Inaikos 87. Exyer Lavertusen 78, Lin-bijana 81, Spill 62. (7.30 unless stated) Soccer AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cupr Carditi v Bristol C (20). **Rugby Union** CLUB MATCHES: Watsonians v Stewarts Mel FP (6 30): Edinburgh Acade v Heriots FP (7.0). The colouriul American basketball player Dennis Rodman, peroxide-haired star of the Chicago Buile, was yesterday

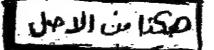


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might not be here now. They did not tell me until later but I felt as rough as old boots. Even when I regained my fit-ness I thought my chance of a a 3-1 lead over Nigel Bond but cap had gone. Being selected the world No. 5 replied with two century breaks and four was a shock to say the least." Events have proved seren-dipitous for Rowley after his frames in a row to win 5-3.



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Cricket

Tour match: Matabeleland v England XI

Gough red-hot and over the rainbow

David Hopps in Bulawayo

DARREN GOUGH all red-faced and bois terous, completed the five-wicket performance that might yet herald the rejuvenation of his Eng-land career, a rainbow struggled to appear behind him. It was not the most awesome of its kind, and it survived for only a couple of overs, but it was a suitable metaphor for a fast bowler whose career has lurched between crock and crock of gold.

Gough's rainbow consists intirely of red. Do not ever

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expect the blues and yellows of considered analysis. Here is a glorious fast-bowling red-neck, entirely consumed by a red-blooded approach which can lift hearts one day and frustrate minds the next.

Basking in the satisfaction of an exhausting day's work, and the likelihood that his five for 62 would bring an England victory some time tomorrow, his chest expanded tions that Matabele land's batsmen had not relished his pace and aggres-sion. "No, they didn't, did they?" he said with unconcealed pride. Momentarily at least, the Yorkshireman was all airs and braces.

Matabeleland, containing



Making his point ... Darren Gough appeals unsucc nd batsman Mark Dekker

still requiring three more Scarborough in August. runs to avoid the follow-on. England's desire for further batting practice will preclude any possibility of its being enforced.

retreat to square leg, the next demolished his stumps. Even Gough's most destructive delivery was reserved after tea for Dash Vaghmaria, who had fielded on the first day in Fred Trueman could not have expressed himself better. Gough did not always bowl a capped Yorkshire sweater. It had been given to him by Richard Blakey on Yorkso clinically. His length erred on the short side, his line tended to be too wide outside off stump. In that he was not

Vaghmaria wisely batted in shirt-sleeves yesterday and trusted to memory loss, but to Whittall hacked a long bop to no avail. Gough's first ball, elcover, his second more im-pressively as Ranchod was imhinged by a shortish, hosoquently short, caused him to tile delivery. The hat-trick ball to James was a non-

first spell, the first wicket coming fortunately as Guy Gough is relishing his

He was on a hat-trick in his

return to England colours and, along with another likeminded figure in Robert Croft, his innate sest has done much to lift England's spirits. alone; there were long periods much to lift England's spirits. when a limited Matabeleland He yearns to go bungee-jump-

On the boundary, he curses the blockhole, bowling Andy Whittall in his third spell just before the close. He finished that the ball does not swing, or swings too much, or the English season strongly last summer, collecting 67 swings the wrong way. He re-sponds to every false shot with a look of incredulity. He first-class wickets at 22 each and his cutting edge is desper

is up for the challenge. He has also the protective inner soles, a leftover from ataly needed. England, 199 for three overthe stress fracture of his foot night, were dismissed for 334 which cruelly shortened his soon after lunch, Crawley extour of Australia two years ago. The raised soles had hibiting considerable polish for his 63 before he flung the ed his feet to blister in bat at a wide one from Str new boots. "I don't need them any more," he said, and one and was caught behind. As well as Atherton, Thorpe is prays that he is right. particularly in need of runs: Gough's second snell achis departure for 15, pushin counted for Abrams, who tentatively at Streak, proba-edged another short, quick by represented the most dis-ball to Stewart. Against the appointing aspect of a largely tail he largely kept the ball in satisfying day.

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shire's pre-season tour of Zimbabwe, a benign gesture with which Gough was not exas many as five players who will hope to play in next Thursday's first Test, limped chuntered disapprovingly, his Wayne James, survived almost land's management insist

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Symonds snubs Gloucester

Andy Wilson

LOUCESTERSHIRE Andrew Symonds's decision to pledge his future to Australia rather than England, the county said yesterday. The 21-year-old all-

rounder, born in Birming-ham but taken to Australia when he was 18 months old, The decision comes ham but taken to Australia when he was 18 months old, has held dual nationality to enable him to play for Gloucestershire as an Eng-land-qualified player. But he has opted to play for Australia A in the game against West Indies in Mel-hourne tomorrow, so end-ing his time at the county

unless he returns to Bristol as an overseas player. "I am an Aussie and al-ways have been," he said yesterday. "It is a financial this debut first-class season and hit a record 16

on 181 for nine, notionally ing won his colours until high over slips and gully. I there is no time for an excur-

Queensland against Eng-land in his debut first-class season and hit a record 16 sixes in his 254 not out against Glamorgan in 1995. thing but money to me is not everything. It wasn't very tongh for me because I Gloucestershire's cricket very usign for me because I have it in my heart that I have always been an Aus-sie. I love living in Austra-lia, I love the lifestyle and I secretary Philip August said: "Betrayed would be much too strong a word, but we spent most of last season seeking assurances from Andrew about his

playing future, and this is obviously disappointing. "But we wish him well. Andrew is a lovely lad and a cracking cricketer. He was a major piece in our playing jigsaw for the future of Gloucestershire and he

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Symonds . . . official Aussie

The England A coach Mike Gatting said: "Tm glad he's made a decision at last. He's held his hands up and said he wants to play for Austra-lia, which is the best way to do it rather than keeping leaves a huge hole to fill." | everybody guessing."

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Tour match: Queensland v England A **Headley injury** hampers England

three wickets to end with six for 70 on his first-class debut. Andy Wilson in Brisbane

Headley's nine-over open-ing burst lacked the zip, IKE GATTING has been straining at the leash to get on to the movement and inspiration of Adelaide; he surprised the left-hander Troy Dixon with field for England A throughextra bounce and Warren Hegg took a spectacular legout his first tour as a coach. But he would not have chosen the circumstances under side catch but England's apwhich he went on as a substi-tute fielder after tea because of injuries to Dean Headley and Mark Ealham.

and Mark Isaliam. Ealham had cracked a fin-ger during his unbeaten 70 against New South Wales last Saturday and now com-pounded the damage by drop-ping two difficult chances in pounded the famage of the space of three overs. In the circumstances Eng-land did well to reduce Queensland to 154 for four be-fore mension of 24 and Trevor Barsby on 22 be-fore trapping the latter lbw-In the circumstances Eng-land did well to reduce Queensland to 154 for four beping two difficult chances in consecutive overs — one off his own bowling, the other in the gully off Glen Chapple. Headley's stiffness in his right hip is more worrying. As the bowling star of the tour, be may be required again by England's senior squad this winter if injuries hit their pacemen; and it was a hip problem suffered on last winter's A tour of Pakistan

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Azharuddin's ton inspires India

AN UNBEATEN 163 by their former captain Mohammad Azharaddin helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of helped India to the verge of Ather former captain helped India to the verge of helped India to the ver a first victory in a series against South Africa in the deciding Test in Kanpur. The South Africans, set an improbable target of 481 Lows his 74-ball century in to win, had almoped to 127 | the second Test in Calcuita.

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Rugby League Swelling of Rhino ranks as three Eagles land at Leeds Paul Fitzpatrick

THE strengthening of Leeds Rhinos continues apace with the signing of three play-ers from Sheffield Eagles. Moving the shortish journey up the M1 yesterday were the 21-year-old Ryan Sheridan and the 19-year-old Dean Lawford, who can both play scrum-half or stand-off. Anthony Farrell, a loose forward who turns 28 next month, will complete his sign-

Super League clubs. Based in Maidstone, Myler was born in ing today. The exit door is not the only one in use at Sheffield, how-ever. The North Queensland Widnes and is related to the town's famous rugby league family. He has edited the Sun-day and Daily Mirrors and Cowboys prop Steve Edmed joined the Eagles on Sunday and another Australian, the 27-year-old loose forward Rod also worked for the Sun, Daily Mail, Sunday People, Doyle, signed yesterday from South Queensland Crushers. Today and Granada. The Australian Rugby The Leeds chief executive Leegue has appointed Bal-main's president Nell Whitta-ker, 40, to succeed John Gary Hetherington recruited Sheridan, Lawford and Far-rell for Sheffield when he was

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 Ref. 40. to succeed John
 Quayle, who recently
 resigned as chief executive.
 Wigan yesterday con-firmed that they have settled
 their £10,000 debt to Salford
 Reds, a sum which became
 due recently when Terry the Eagles' owner. He and the property developer Paul Cad-dick left that club to take over Leeds in October. Leeds in October. He promised then that sev-eral signings would be made before the new season, and he has been as good as his word. In addition to the Sheffield tric. Leads have accuired due recently when Terry O'Connor, the prop they signed from Sallord two years ago, made his Great Britain debut on the Lions tour of

trio, Leeds have acquired debut on the Auckland Warriors' Kiwi New Zealand.

Test centre Richie Blackmore and the former Hull winger Paul Sterling.

Doyle began his professional career with Wynnum-Manly in Brisbane and went on to play for the Sydney clubs St George and Bastern Suburbs. Initially a stand-off, He has abandoned plans to stay in Australia for a holiday and will return home at the weekend with the rest of the he switched to the back row. Colin Myler, a 44-year-old journalist, has been ap-pointed chief executive of party to see his specialist. "I hope this is just a flare-up and Rugby League Europe, the not a repetition of the previ-ous trouble," he said. recently formed marketing and media body for the 12

Rogiand A needed Headley fit and firing to exploit the helpful Gabba conditions even after Ealham, Ashley Giles and Chapple had extended their overnight 170 for

seven to 230. Chapple pulled Brendan Creevey for six over midwicket but the 26-year-old bowler took two of the last

winter's A tour of Pakistan and aggravated in the spring with Kent which thwarted his

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Mansell . . . a brisk 49 laps

The former world champion returns to the cockpit after 18 months of driving only on the golf course



reports from Barcelona

Frank Keating

Burning rubber again . . . Mansell was within 0.3sec of Jordan-Peugeot's nominated driver Ralf Schumacher

PHOTOGRAPH: MIKE COOPER

Old dog Mansell back on track

racing car near Barcelona future. Both Mansell and the team owner Eddie Jordan admitted yesterday and put in 49 increasingly impressive laps at a snarling din which obviyesterday that there was a ously meant business.

done — not least by their respective bank managers. It is 18 months since the former world champion has driven at remotely such Yesterday Mansell's fastest speed. If the money is right and the car competitive he may well put his life on the line again next year. On the face of it, however, it Statistical again and the car competitive he ing for the ancient Brit, for he was starting from cold, hav-

officially remains a 50-50 ing played no more than golf chance that Mansell will be in all year or had a turn on his the Jordan car on 1997's first kids' Scalextric. Schumacher

HE old dog thinks be next March 9 alongside 2,000 miles in testing his car. holds serious blocking cards. ing up process by both par-can still do the trick Michael Schumacher's Mansell, as he ever engage ingly was, climbed out full of Nigel Mansell, at 43, climbed into a Formula One are said to be building their climbed into a Formula One are said to be building their quick and committed, and he being upstaged, and that may certainly their sponsors do.

You have to get used to braking from great deal of talking still to be 200mph to 60 in less than two seconds when all you have been doing is getting your golf handicap down from five to one'

to be within three tenths of a argument.

second of his fastest can't be bad for an old man, can it?" Yesterday's testing on the twisty Circuit de Catalunya

certainly their sponsors do. And if nothing else, Mansell down the long years has writ-ten his own headlines. He is a star all right, but stars cost money and a multi-millionaire will be asking for more multi-millions Would the comparatively low-budget Jordan team

your goil handicap down from twe to one brakes late all right, so for me yet be the conclusive of reality and mine in that respect are probably two different things. There is still a huge amount of talking to be

it will be weeks

the McLaren team, running too far down the field for a former champion. He retired to Devon and his golf. End of story? Those in the know knew better --- and yesterday the whiff of the pit-lane fumes had brought him back. Mmmm, like a Bisto kid...

Same old Nigel, except that he's shaved off his "Yourcountry-needs-me" mous-tache. By the time he had clamped himself into the cockpit and buckled on his old Union Jack helmet, a sparkling Spanish morning had turned into a pewterybere. It was bad luck that Englike atternoon and's Tim Stin

the ball and wasted them both. plunging straight at the wall of ochre jerseys and being scragged without mercy.

Where are all

The fly-half at full-back is England will continue to

irresistible counter-attacking for the New Zealand Barbarlans a formight ago. The Engbeen the great team they were land team could only gawp at the young full-back. since Serge Blanco. a true maystro instinctif, went away. The same weekend at Car-Scotland still mourn the loss diff, the Australian No. 15 Matt Burke took a discerning of Gavin Hastings's gallumph and nerve. Before him, Andy Welsh throng's breath away with his angled steam-ham-mer runs out of defence, a feat Irvine remains memory's treasure, and so in the red shirt does the nonpareil JPR he repeated against the bewil-dered Barbarians in London the following Saturday. Williams — the incomparable Japes, socks down, hair flying, all boldness and brass neck. Mind you, though JPR was

Both these dagger-sharp athletes are brim-full of the the founder of the modern daring and bonny bravado of feast, his flair was nothing youth. Their teams are con-structed around them. Indeed, today's all-court rugby puts new under rugby's wintry sun. It was there simply be cause it had not been coached the full-back first on the team out of him. Nor was Arthur sheet in every sense. At Cardiff this Sunday the Marsberg's: that great counter-attacking full-back was introduced to north hy

full-back in the Springboks' myrtle-green shirt will be Andre Joubert. He is a differsouth fully 90 years ago, and when we witness another Jouent sort of counter-attacker, of bert tutorial at Cardiff on Sunless boyish gusto but such stealth and subtlety that he day it will be an exact anniver-sary of the 1906 Springboks' probably remains the best of first match against Wales. It was at St Helen's, with Mars-berg at full-back, and South this trio of No. 15s from the southern hemisphere.

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HRISTIAN CULLEN

ham rafters with his

charmed the birds from the Twicken-

Africa won 11-0. "It was matchless," O L Owen wrote in the Times. England's latest choice for this style-defining position, however, is Nick Beal, a utility club player and occasional **Time and again Marsberg** full-back, while Wales have would hurl himself at the ball chosen Neil Jenkins, a veteran who has played all his club in the manner of an Association goalkeeper. To see him dive into a forward rush or and international rugby at fly-half or centre. It is potty, there crash-tackle a single runner was indeed a thrill and a fearful is something gravely wrong

joy, and each time his counterattack was truly thurderous."

England stutteringly won the championship last season with Mike Catt, a club fly-half, at full-back. In the first five minutes of the opening match in Paris he made two brave incursions, then retired to the last line of defence to be seen in attack no more. neither fish nor fowl. This is a position for a volupluary, and labour until they find one France have never remotely

two clear chances to run back

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N THE South Wales Argus the legendary Dromio was also shaken and stirred. "Never was there a man in this position who played the 'neck or nothing' game with such considered daring." he wrote. "Marsberg went forward, ever forward, when any other man would have waited to dash in and counter-attack. His picking-up was amazing, and it was cheerful courage too, a genuine originality

Marsberg became head of security at the De Beers mining company in Kimberley. He was an expert trainer of the ferocious Rhodesian ridgeback and alsotian guard dogs. two other foreign breeds aware that counter-attack is the vital ploy.

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